

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Wednesday, April 17 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday—Friday 12:00 Holy Week Worship at FPC Lunch follows	Thursday, April 18 6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship In the fellowship hall
Tuesday, April 16 4:00 Exercise class	Sunday, April 21 Easter Day 9:00 Handbell Choir 11:00 Worship Service

Holy Week Services: Please see the salmon colored insert for a complete list of Holy Week services. **Please note:** We have permission from the Arts Association to use their parking lot on Washington Street for the services. If you are able, please use that lot to save the closer spaces for others. Thanks!

Easter Flowers: On the other side of the salmon insert is the Easter Flower/Witness form. Today is the last day to submit the form to have your loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin.



Pastor Nominating Committee wants to know your thoughts!

You should have received an e-mail yesterday regarding the Church Assessment Tool (aka "CAT"). Please be sure everyone 16 and older living in your home has an opportunity to complete the survey. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, please stop by the church office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have questions, please contact Cy Wolverton by email at icwolv3423463@bellsouth.net or by phone at 678.300.8720. Thank you for helping to build the future of First Presbyterian Church in Covington!

One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, food for the hungry and community development. We will take this offering on **Palm Sunday and Easter**.

Quarterly Statements for Pledging Households

First quarter statements for those who made a 2019 pledge are available in the narthex on the round table. Thanks for taking your statement home...it saves the postage budget!

Recycling Church Bulletins: Take your worship bulletin home, if you wish, or put it in the basket by the front doors so they can be recycled! Thanks for being a Good Steward!



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to the pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations for **April:** canned fruit

Baby Love is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

April Usher Chair
Warren Liem

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
Jay Lanners
John McCarthy
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler
Allie Hay

Class of 2020
Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Michael Thompson

Class of 2021
Warren Liem
Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes	Interim Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer		Nursery
Krista Firkus	Interim Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center



Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019



"Where have the forty days of Lent gone? We've had forty days to remember who Jesus is, forty days to find out who Jesus is, forty days to look and to listen to this man from Nazareth, this man who walked into the hearts of the people, this man who 'stirred their imagination,' this man who is still walking into the hearts of people, still stirring the imagination of the people. Holy Week is upon us. We will raise our palms in joyful recognition! We do know him. Surely we do know him..."

— Holy Week, From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light.
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Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Robert W. Thygerson

March Triumphant into Jerusalem

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Hal H. Hopson

A Lenten Walk: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
Whose steadfast love endures forever.
 Blessed is the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✠HYMN 196

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, beyond any shadow of doubt, our sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together, forgiven and free.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and set free to respond in faith to God's good news! Amen!

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Vicki Hancock Wright
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. From Olivet they followed among the joyful crowd; the vict'ry palm branch waving, with praises clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing; for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King. Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King of kings!

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p.565 OT)
Mark 11:1-19 (p.47 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
What Led to the Cross?—Jesus of Nazareth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 215** *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(from the *PC (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Q.45*)

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did? Because grace is more abundant—and sin more serious—than we suppose. However cruelly we may treat one another, all sin is primarily against God. God condemns sin, yet never judges apart from grace. In giving Jesus Christ to die for us, God took the burden of our sin into God's own self to remove it once and for all. The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin swallowed up by the suffering of divine love. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Hosanna!*
Handbell Choir

✦ **RESPONSE** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG
Hymn 223, verse 4
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 198** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **RESPONSE** TALLIS' CANON
Hymn 748
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Festival Prelude* on OLD 113TH Gilbert M. Martin

✦ Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦ **Allie Hay and Dan Walden** are assisting with leading worship today.
- ✦ We welcome to our service this morning trombonists **Bill Cobham** and **Jim Patrick**, both of whom are members of the Covington Conyers Community Orchestra.
- ✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.
- ✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Denny Dobbs-surgery
- ✦ Sandy Peterson-health issues
- ✦ Jean Elder-at her daughter's in Florida
- ✦ Danny Vining-knee injections
- ✦ Roger Tingler-surgery
- ✦ Doug Firkus-heart surgery (uncle of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ Marylynne Knuth-knee surgery, (grandmother of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
- ✦ Terry Elder-vision problems (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦ Joe Schell-home (father of Krissy Jones)
- ✦ Abby Sugg - surgery (daughter of Kara & Mike Sugg)
- ✦ Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Wilson)
- ✦ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnut)
- ✦ Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ✦ Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- ✦ Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦ Gene Wallace-rehab at Merryvale
- ✦ Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems
- ✦ Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother)
- ✦ Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)
- ✦ Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
- ✦ Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ✦ Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
- ✦ Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
- ✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦ Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House

Merryvale:
✦ Guy McGiboney
✦ Betty Robinson
✦ Louise White
✦ Alice Gadilhe
✦ Roger Wallace

Home:
✦ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
✦ Debi (Dee) Selin
✦ Agnes Campbell

We celebrate with **Jean Carol Mundy** on the birth of her 19th great-grandchild. **Bennet Cox**, son of Rachel & Matt Cox, was born on Sunday, April 7th in Charlotte, NC.

Hospital Visitor:
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✦ Pastor Nominating Committee—please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.

