

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 21 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper	Thursday, April 25 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 23 4:00 Exercise class	Sunday, April 28 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Hunger Walk today
Wednesday, April 24 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

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.

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!

A Novel Bunch will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 pm, at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin, 650 Mason Drive. They will be discussing "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly.

Dan Walden, our Director of Youth & Children's Ministries has informed the Session of his decision to resign effective the end of May. This timing will give us ample opportunity for a smooth transition and to celebrate together his 16 years of ministry among us.



Hunger Walk: Following worship Sunday, April 28th we will be heading to Atlanta for the 35th annual [Hunger Walk/Run](#), an annual 5K walk and "fun run" that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship and have a quick lunch together as we

change into our walking shoes then head to Atlanta.

This is an event for all ages. If you wish to join us, please contact Dan Walden at the church office so that we can arrange for lunches and transportation.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRESBYTERIAN HOMES UPDATE EVENT PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE ATHENS AND PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE AUSTELL

Exciting news of construction and renovation!
Thursday May 2 at 10:30 a. m.

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
Coffee and snacks

RSVP: 404/ 231-5758 jemery@phginc.org
(Or sign name on legal pad in narthex)

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."



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:

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



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fantasia for Easter Morning* Albin Whitworth

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold on to former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the Easter good news: the tomb is empty. Christ has risen to heal us. Christ has risen to change us. Christ has risen to forgive us.

On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦ RESPONSE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Hymn 263, verse 2

CORONATION

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!* Mark Hayes

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise; he who on the cross did suffer for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory now is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which with all its full abundance at his second coming yield; then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heav'nly grace, rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered and be ever safe with thee. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; to the Father, and the Savior, who has gained the victory; glory to the Holy Spirit, fount of love and sanctity, Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. Amen, amen, amen!

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 Acts 10:34-43 (p.129 NT)
Mark 16:1-8 (p.54 NT)

SERMON *A Story to Tell* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *The Strife Is O'er* Alan Bullard

☩ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, may we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray — On this Easter Day ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row. Please return to your pew by the side aisle.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

☩ HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

☩ CHARGE AND BLESSING

☩ CLOSING CHORUS *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah! (repeated 14 times)
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever. (repeated several times)
King of kings, and Lord of lords. (repeated several times)
And He shall reign, and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings forever and ever, and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! And He shall reign forever, forever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords. King of kings and Lord of lords. And He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

☩ POSTLUDE *Toccata* from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

☩ Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ☩ **Jake McCarthy and Dan Walden** are assisting with leading worship today. **Jim Patrick and Bill Cobham** will lend their talents on the trombone to our music today.
- ☩ 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

- ☩ Brantley Howell-infection (grandson of Brenda Howell)
- ☩ Sandy Peterson-health issues
- ☩ Jean Elder-home
- ☩ 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-hospital (father of Krissy Jones)
- ☩ Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Wilson)
- ☩ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnett)
- ☩ Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ☩ Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- ☩ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, 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

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker

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



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321