

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 28 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Hunger Walk	Thursday, May 2 10:30 Presbyterian Homes Presentation in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, April 30 4:00 Exercise class	Sunday, May 5 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session & PNC Meet
Wednesday, May 1 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	



For the next four Sundays, Pastor Steven will facilitate a **Sunday School series** on the "Trinity," an often misunderstood but beautiful part of our theology and beliefs as Presbyterian-flavored Christians. This won't be totally lecture-based as interaction and discussion involving hymns, creeds, scriptures, and more will be shared and enjoyed!

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!



Hunger Walk: Following worship today 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.

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@phgainc.org
 (Or sign name on legal pad in narthex)

Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

As we move onto the next phase of the search process, we are seeking members of the congregation to sign up for Listening Sessions that will help us hear more from you and delve deeper into the results from the Congregational Assessment Tool!

- Session #1: Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm
- Session #2: Thursday, May 23rd at 3:30pm
- Session #3: Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm

If you are interested, **sign-ups will open after worship on May 5th**. There will be limited availability for these sessions so be sure to sign up!

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; May: meals with meat

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

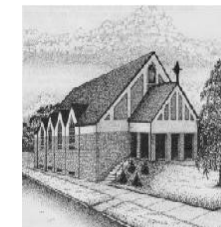
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* John Carter

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The bread of life opens our eyes.
The word of life opens our ears.
 The risen One shows us God's own woundedness,
And by those wounds we are healed.
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—our prayers have been heard. God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven.
This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus, the risen Christ, we are forgiven. 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 *Mary at the Tomb* Bradley Ellingboe

Mary came, came to the tomb, came very early, to seek her Lord. She found it empty and wept for the sorrow of it all. But an angel, bright as snow, appeared before her, the angel then spoke saying, "Mary, Fear not! For your Lord is alive!" Mary ran, ran to her friends to her friends! Told the disciples Jesus yet lived! But some doubted, when suddenly the Lord himself was there, saying, "Peace. Peace." Mary came, came to the tomb, came very early, to seek her Lord and found peace, peace, peace.

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 READING Luke 24:36-48 (p.91 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
The Story Is Never Over

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 LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* G. F. Handel

✦ 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

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name we pray.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

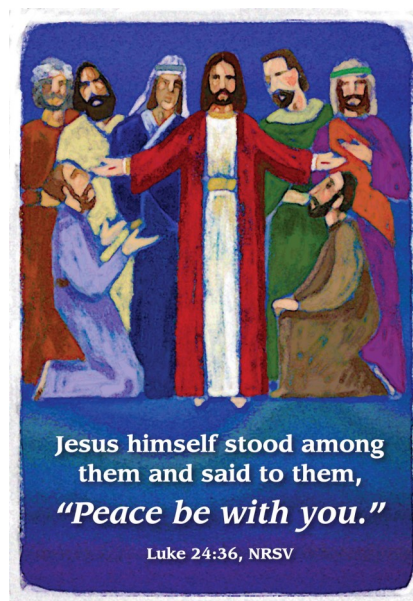
✦ HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ RESPONSE 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
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 *Thine Is the Glory* Gordon Young

✦ Please stand if able.



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!



Worship Notes

- ✦ **Cy Wolverton and Dan Walden** are assisting with leading worship 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.
- ✦ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Bill Cobham-recovering from surgery
- ✦ Ruth McDaniel-back surgery, May 6th
- ✦ Pat Crutchfield-stage 4 cancer (by Sherry Brasher)
- ✦ Brantley Howell-infection (grandson of Brenda Howell)
- ✦ Sandy Peterson-health issues
- ✦ Jean Elder-home
- ✦ Doug Firkus-home (uncle of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ Marylynne Knuth-home (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)
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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

Beckham Ryder Wade was born to Cam and Brooke Wade on Saturday, April 20th. He is the grandson of Billy and Theodosia Wade.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Steve & Louly Kapp** in the death of his mother, **Beverly Star Edmonds**, this week in Mobile, AL.

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

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

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



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."