

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, April 7</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Thursday, April 11</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b> 4:00 Exercise class	<b>Sunday, April 14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Procession with Palms
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b> 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	



### 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 [jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net](mailto:jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 678.300.8720. Thank you for helping to build the future of First Presbyterian Church in Covington!

### Lenten Sermon Series

The Rev. Steven Barnes is preparing a Lenten Sermon Series called "What Led to the Cross?" and it will explore the following characters of the Holy Week drama.

Jesus of Nazareth — April 14, Palm Sunday

### Lenten Sunday School Study

**Sundays during Lent at 10:00am**

Join us for a special Lenten study entitled *Seven Days to Glory* led by our pastor the Rev. Steven Barnes. "The last week of Jesus' life encompassed some of Christianity's most significant events. Based on the Gospel of Mark, this study looks at each of these days to describe the importance of Jesus' actions at the time, and what they mean for Christian living today."

**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](http://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

**Ushers Today**  
Women of the Church  
**April Usher Chair**  
Carter Gibson

**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



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019



## "Celebrate the Gifts of Women"

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O God, Thou Faithful God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SPECIAL MUSIC *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Charles Gounod

Gracie Bates, solo; Alice Walker, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF THE CANDLESTICKS

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place* W. Elmer Mercer; arr. Lanny Wolfe

Women's Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

From the deepest places in our lives we cry to God.

**God, hear my voice, do not be far from me.**

Let us not forget God's steadfast love and power to redeem.

**We wait for God, and in God's Word we find hope.**

Praise the Lord!

**Together, let us worship God!**

HYMN 318 *In Christ, There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, and restores all through the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. **This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. This is good news to share with all people! 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 A New Name in Glory

Words and Music by C. Austin Miles 1868-1946;  
Arranged by Greg Skipper and Russell Mauldin

*I was once a sinner, but I came pardon to receive from my Lord: This was freely given, and I found that He always kept His word, there's a new name written down in glory. And it's mine, oh, yes, it's mine! And the white-robed angels sing the story, "A sinner has come home." With my sins forgiven I am bound for heaven, nevermore to roam. I was humbly kneeling at the cross, fearing naught but God's angry frown; when the heavens opened and I saw that my name was written down. In the book 'tis written, "Saved by grace." Oh, the joy that came to my soul! Now I am forgiven and I know by the blood I am made whole.*

## 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 John 12:1-11 (p. 106 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Jill Morehouse Lum  
*Extravagant Beyond Good Taste*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 722 CANONBURY  
*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

## CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### A LITANY TO HONOR WOMEN

Creator God, we thank you for women who are filled with your life-giving Spirit and for women with words from the divine; **for women who advocate for justice, who speak truth, and who are called by God to serve the church.**

We lift our voices in gratitude for women who give the gift of knowledge, proclaiming your saving grace—  
**in pulpits and women's groups, at session tables and kitchen tables, in boardrooms and family rooms, in Sunday schools and prayer circles.**

We lift our voices in gratitude for named and unnamed women who lead us in God's way.

### We thank you God for them.

We are grateful, Loving God, for these women and their witness and love.

**We are grateful, Loving God, for all the faithful women, walking together, serving Christ in the world.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY In the Garden C. Austin Miles  
Adriane Ivey and Sophia Hawley, duet

✦ 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

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN insert *For All the Faithful Women* AURELIA  
adapted from hymn 324

### ✦ 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

✦ Please stand if able.

**The Rev. Jill Morehouse Lum** is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She is married to Brady and they have three children. Jill has served as minister of spiritual formation and school chaplain among both Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Raised in Atlanta at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jill received her BA and Master of Teaching degrees at UVA and her M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Jill has worked in homeless ministries, children's museums, public schools, youth service organizations, and churches to create an environment where all are invited to share their gifts for the common good. Betsy and Sandy Morehouse are her parents.

## Worship Notes

- ✦ **Women of the Church** 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](http://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

- ✦ Jean Elder-at her daughter's in Florida
- ✦ Danny Vining-knee injections
- ✦ Roger Tingler-surgery
- ✦ Doug Firkus-heart surgery (uncle of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ Marylynn 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 Shelnett)
- ✦ 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

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton

✦ 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](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com)  
or call the church office, 770-786-7321