

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC



**Sunday, August 18**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:45 Brunch & Fellowship  
11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, August 20**  
4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, August 21**  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, August 22**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, August 25**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
Host to Family Promise Families



### We will host the week of August 25-September 1

Family Promise is a nation wide organization that was set up as a non-profit to help homeless families get back on their feet. Churches house and feed the families for a week at a time then they go to another church. This continues until the families save enough money and get enough financial and budgeting training to successfully get into a home. **Learn more on their website at [www.familypromiseofnewrock.org](http://www.familypromiseofnewrock.org).**

In order to **sign up as a volunteer for the week** that FPC is hosting homeless families through Family Promise type in this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48aaaf29a0f85-family>

Read the introduction and scroll down to choose an event for which you would like to volunteer. Hit **Sign Up** and at the bottom of the page hit **Submit and Sign Up**. You should receive an e-mail confirming your actions. (the link will be printed in the e-news this week and if you click on it, it will take you to the proper place without typing! We are hosting families the last week of August...please sign up to help! Thank you!!!



The **Novel Bunch** will gather on August 27th at 1 pm to discuss "**Where the Crawdads Sing**" by Delia Owens. We will meet at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin, 650 Mason Drive. All are welcome.

**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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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
Covington, Georgia 30014

You may read or listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://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:  
**August:** 2 lb. bags of sugar or flour

**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

<b>August Usher Chair</b> Cindy Moon	<b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker
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### MEMBERS OF SESSION

<b>Class of 2019</b> Carter Gibson Jay Lanners John McCarthy Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler Allie Hay	<b>Class of 2020</b> Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Michael Thompson	<b>Class of 2021</b> Warren Liem Pam Stillerman Donna Weesner Cy Wolverton
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus Alice Walker	<i>Interim Pastor</i> <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i> CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	Jenny Giles and Jade Roy Darlene Alley	<i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the</i> <i>Early Learning Center</i>
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*Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*  
**August 18, 2019**



## *Order of Worship*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional of Joy* Lawrence J. Meyer

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP  
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
**In you, we come home—**  
To rest, to wrestle, to love, and to be loved.  
**And, we dwell in you forever and ever.**  
Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and culture. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Sisters and brothers, hear this good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life, and it is Christ himself who proves his love for us again and again.  
**Now let us stand firm in our faith, covered by the saving grace and the amazing love of our Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!**

✦RESPONSE  
Hymn 71, refrain FIRST SONG  
**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM music arr. by John F. Wilson

### *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. All praise to our Maker from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one, and they'll know we are Christians by our love!*

## 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 Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (p.215 OT)  
John 6:59-69 (p.99 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*A Come-to-Jesus Meeting ... with Jesus*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 394 WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith  
(from *A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer

Welcome

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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  
**Almighty God, we dedicate ourselves to serve you, for you alone are our God. Receive the gifts we offer, and with them accept the offering of our lives; through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

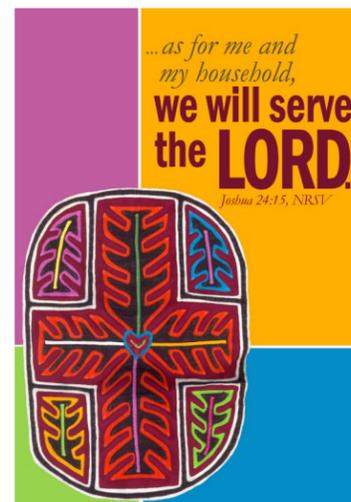
HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

## 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* Robert A. Hobby

Please stand if able.



## Worship Notes

- Cheryl Meichsner and Donna Weesner are assisting in 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.
- Documents and Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Tommy-heart issues (friend of Warren & Jeanie Liem)
- Nancy Bowden Wiley-hip replacement complications (friend of Judy Davis)
- Gene Stillwell-skin cancer surgery (cousin of Mary Ann Boyer)
- Jessica Couture-skin cancer surgery (daughter of Del & Mary Ann Boyer)
- Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ronnie Patrick-treatment (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- Laura Cox-recovering from surgery as the result of a dog attack. (Randy Layton's niece)
- Jane LeMaster-home (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- Bill Cobham-home
- Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
- Terry Elder-my (daughter of Jean Elder)
- 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-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
- Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- 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
- Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks  
10050 Eagle Drive  
Covington, GA 30014

### Merryvale:

- Patti Borders
- Guy McGiboney
- Betty Robinson
- Louise White
- Alice Gadilhe
- Roger Wallace

### Home:

- Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- Debi (Dee) Selin
- Agnes Campbell
- Penny Blakeney

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Linda Boyd** and her family in the death of her husband, **Spencer** on August 11. The Boyd's were active members at FPC until they moved to Augusta a few years ago. (Home: 3037 Pine Needle Road Augusta, GA 30909)

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