

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, August 25

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

Hosting Family Promise Families  
This afternoon—next Sunday morning

#### Tuesday, August 27

1:00 A Novel Bunch  
4:00 Exercise class

#### Wednesday, August 28

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

#### Thursday, August 29

10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Sunday, September 1

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service



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.

**Pastor Steven Barnes** will be out this week for some continuing education at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. Louly F. Hay will be on-call for pastoral needs during this time.



Building communities, strengthening lives.

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).**

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SALAD SUPPER, SEPT. 3 (TUESDAY) 6:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Part of program will be a short study of lesson 1, in the new book *Written in Stone*. Any woman that does not have a new book, please see Sherri Bolton after church in the narthex. If possible, please read lesson 1 before the meeting. Non circle members may make a reservation by calling the church office. In addition, the women's bell choir will provide some entertainment. We look forward to seeing many old and new friends there.



**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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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

**August Usher Chair**  
Cindy Moon  
**September Usher Chair**  
Miriam Wheeler

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



## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Walter L. Pelz

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship our God,  
**who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

We gather to follow Jesus,  
**who encourages us to never fear, for he is near.**  
We gather to be filled with the Spirit,  
**who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**  
Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others and we have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters near and far. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in the faith, humility, and love you modeled for us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**No one who believes in God will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 *The Greatest Commandment* Pepper Choplin  
*Love the Lord with all your heart. Love the Lord with all your soul. Love the Lord with all your mind, and all your strength, O love the Lord, your God. Love the Lord and love your neighbor as yourself. If you love the Lord with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself.*

### 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 Matthew 14:22-33 (p.16 NT)

SERMON *Take Heart!* The Rev. Steven Barnes

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

### ✦ 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 triune 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.**

### 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 Sam Batt Owens  
*Lamb of God, You Take Away the Sin of All the World*

✦ 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

**We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ 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 *Fugue in D Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if able.



### Worship Notes

- ✦ Pam Stillerman is 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-Myasthenia Gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦ Dick Wilson-in remission, give thanks (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, Rm 223 Covington, GA 30014

#### Merryvale:

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

#### Home:

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

**Hospital Visitor:** Judy Davis

✦ 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.  
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