

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 4
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, August 6
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, August 7
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 8
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 11
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 Session Meeting

Staff Celebration

Our Personnel Team is pleased to announce that **Krista Firkus** has been named as our permanent Director of Music as of August 1st.



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.**

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!!!

Items needed for our Family Promise Guests

twin mattress pads, twin sheet sets, blankets (single or double), towels and wash cloths. If you receive the weekly enews, there is a more detailed list. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please put "Family Promise" in the memo space or on your envelope.

Rally Day—August 18th is a great time to invite a friend to come and experience the loving community of FPC. Make plans to join us on Sunday, August 18th, at 9:45 a.m. for a light brunch with the whole family. Childcare is available for children 6 months through 5 years of age during the worship service which begins at 11:00 a.m.



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 read or 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:

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

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
Peni Kehoe
Krista Firkus
Alice Walker

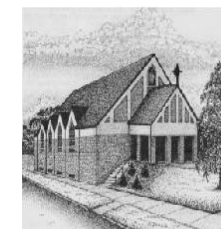
Interim Pastor
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director
CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Jenny Giles and Jade Roy *Nursery*
Darlene Alley *Director of the Early Learning Center*



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide* J. S. Bach

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in our mouths.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us; for it is through Christ our Lord that we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, it really is this simple—God loves us and forgives us through and through.
We receive God's grace, so we can offer it to others. And, we must forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

Hymn 435, verse 2

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *In My Heart There Rings a Melody* Elton M. Roth
Jennifer Fogarty, soprano; Darcel Tabb, alto; Alice Walker, piano

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 Psalm 34:1-8 (p.508 OT)
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (p.194 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Be Imitators of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
adapted from the *PCUSA Study Catechism, Question 3*

Q: How do you live for the love of God?

A: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. 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 Will Sing of My Redeemer* Diane Bish

✦ 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

Gracious God, may we imitate your generosity, as we offer these gifts to you. May we model your mercy, as we seek to bring hope to the broken all around us. And, may we share the gift of your love with all who are alone and hurting, and simply looking for grace in their lives. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 726 KELVINGROVE
Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

✦ 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 *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Douglas E. Wagner

✦ Please stand if able.



*Be imitators of God,
therefore,
as dearly loved
children.*

Ephesians 5:1

Worship Notes

- ✦ **Trista Hooten Wilson** 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.
- ✦ 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

- ✦ Jessica Couture-skin cancer surgery (daughter of Del & Mary Ann Boyer)
- ✦ Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ✦ Ronnie Patrick-neck surgery (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- ✦ Laura Cox-recovering from surgery as the result of a dog attack. (Randy Layton's niece)
- ✦ Jane LeMaster-hospital in Athens (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- ✦ Bill Cobham-home
- ✦ Bobbie Vining-spine surgery and rehab (sister-in-law of Beth and Danny Vining)
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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:

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

Home:

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

We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Travis Moss** in the death of her sister, **Charlotte Rogers**, who died July 27th. The Rev. **Louly Hay**, who was a close friend with Mrs. Rogers, officiated the service on Saturday, August 3rd.

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of **Chloe Bickford**, who died last week. Chloe was once a member of Martha Circle and a good friend of Alice Walker.

Hospital Visitors:
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
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