

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 16
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
 Family Promise Week through 2/23

Wednesday, February 19
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 20
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Monday, February 17
 Pastor Neeley's First Day

Sunday, February 23
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Welcome Reception

Tuesday, February 18
 4:00 Exercise Class

Please use these email addresses for fulltime staff:

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 Kimmy Briggs: kimmy@fpccov.org
 Peni Kehoe: admin@fpccov.org

Family Promise—February 16-23, 2020

This is our third week of hosting for this mission, and we want to offer hospitality with excellence this week! Doug Bolton will be our lead coordinator and Susan Boteler will be assisting. Jay Lanners will be coordinating all meals. Grab a friend and sign up by using this link:



<https://tinyurl.com/tarhllh>

Barbara Brown Taylor Lecture — February 20

Join the FPC family on a trip to Decatur to hear author, Barbara Brown Taylor, give a lecture at Agnes Scott College.

The church van will be available for transportation, with plans to leave the church at 4:30pm and enjoy dinner together in Decatur before the lecture. Please email Kimmy@fpccov.org to RSVP so we can plan transportation.

A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Tuesday February 25, at 1pm, at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. All are welcome.



Join us for the annual Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, **February 26, at 7:00pm** at Covington First United Methodist (1113 Conyers St. SW). Kimmy will be preaching, Neeley will be participating, and our choir will join with the Methodist choir.

Installation of Our New Pastor—March 8

Join us as we celebrate the installation of our new **Senior Pastor, Reverend Neeley Rentz Lane**. All are invited to worship with us and surround Reverend Lane with love and support. There will be a reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Meals for the Lane Family

As part of our first year support for Neeley and her family, the congregation is invited to participate in providing the Lane's a weekly dinner starting February 20 through the month of May. To sign up or for further details go to: <https://tinyurl.com/lanemeals>
 Contact Susan Boteler: sboteler@mindspring.com with any questions.

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 a pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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 Covington, Georgia 30014

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: **February:** canned meats (no tuna); stews, meals w/meat, etc.

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

February Usher Chair
 Aubrey Evans

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020
 Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb
 Michael Thompson
 Allie Hay

Class of 2021
 Jay Lanners
 Warren Liem
 Pam Stillerman
 Donna Weesner
 Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022
 Del Boyer
 Aubrey Evans
 John McCarthy
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Trista Hooten Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane
 Kimmy Briggs

Senior Pastor
Director of Family Ministries
Church Administrator
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Peni Kehoe
 Krista Firkus

Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert
Nursery

Darlene Alley

Director of the Early Learning Center



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Scout Sunday

February 16, 2020



Please Wear Your Name Tag!

We are encouraged to wear our name tags in the coming weeks and months to help our new pastors, Neeley and Kimmy, get to know us more quickly. If you don't have one, there is a clipboard on which to sign up for one, or you may call or email the church office.

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

✦PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

✦HYMN 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN

Hymn 137, verse 1

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 145:10-21 (p.581 OT)

ANTHEM *As We Gather At Your Table* K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to you Word, help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Darcel Tabb

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 193 NT)

SERMON *A Life Worthy of the Calling* Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 733 ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
We All Are One in Mission

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the *Confession of 1967*)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *My Song is Love Unknown* R. Vaughn Williams

✦ RESPONSE OLD HUNDRETH
Hymn 606

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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, Awesome God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Music during communion — the Handbell Choir

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 300 THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
We Are One in the Spirit

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ RETIRING OF THE COLORS

✦ RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* 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 *Prelude in G Minor* J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

✦ **Bob Tabb** 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.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

✦ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)

✦ Olaava Mackenzie-stranded in Thailand due to the Corona virus situation (daughter of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)

✦ Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)

✦ Becky Stokesbary-gall bladder (Kimmy's mom)

✦ Roger Tingler-hip surgery

✦ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)

✦ Bill Cobham-surgery

✦ Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)

✦ Brenda Howell-breast cancer

✦ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia

✦ Denny Dobbs-knee surgery

✦ Koen Ardis-Navy basic training

✦ Noah Hicks-recovering from knee surgery

✦ Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

✦ Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)

✦ Julia Jones-cancer treatment (friend of the Carmichaels and Boltons)

✦ Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)

✦ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

✦ Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)

✦ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)

✦ Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)

✦ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)

✦ Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)

✦ Ellen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)

✦ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)

✦ Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor

✦ Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering

✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)

✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

✦ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

✦ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Independent and Assisted Living

✦ Penny Blakeney-home

✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House

✦ Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks

✦ Jean Elder-The Oaks

✦ Patti Borders-Merryvale

✦ Dot Fincher-Merryvale

✦ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale

✦ Betty Robinson-Merryvale

✦ Louise White-Merryvale

✦ Alice Gadilhe-Merryvale

✦ Roger Wallace-Merryvale

✦ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Ed & Susanne Perkeron** in the death of his sister, **Jane LeMaster**; and for the family of **Brenda Hitchcock** who died last Sunday. She was the niece of **Carol and Guy McGiboney** and cousin of **Donna Weesner**.

Emma Claire Stillerman was born on February 6th, to Tom and Erin Stillerman. Jim & Pam Stillerman are the grandparents.

Ridge Campbell Wade, was born to Grady and Angelia Wade, on February 9th. He is the grandchild of Billy and Theodosia Wade.

Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kimmy Briggs by the congregation.