

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 17
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, February 19
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, February 20
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 21
10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 24
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Tuesday, February 26, at the home of Jean Carol Mundy*. They will be discussing Dan Brown's novel *Origin*. *3158 Legion Dr SE, Apt 5 Covington, GA 30014-3190 (404) 771-3782.

Church Member Needs Assistance

Our dear friend **Dot Schaeffer** has moved back to Covington and is living in a personal care home in south Newton County at [12166 Highway 212](#). If you are able to help her with the any of the following things, please call her at 678-777-6604:

- ◆ Ride to church on Sundays (directions link in E-news)
- ◆ Medicaid registration
- ◆ Veterans Benefits

Congregational Directories Available We have printed new phone and address directories. They are available on the round table in the narthex. A link to download a copy can be found in the e-news.



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) 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:

February: canned meats, chicken, beef, stews, spam, ham (no tuna)

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
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	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Mindy Forehand	<i>Interim Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Paul Randall Keith

His Voice as the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet

CHIMES

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to offer our best to God,
Whose creative imagination never fails.
We gather to praise our God,
Whose steadfast love never weakens.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, no matter where we go. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus. Yet you search for us wherever we flee to so you can take us by the hand and show us the way to live with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is always with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.
If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN

Hymn 137, verse 1 only

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

ANTHEM *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Charles Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys to death and hell are to our Jesus given: lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet: lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice. Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 40:21-31 (p.668 OT)
Mark 1:29-39 (p.35 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
The Only Jesus They Will Ever Meet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 700 I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

✦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

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Rejoice, the Lord is King* John Darwell

✦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

Loving God, you lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in our kingdom work that strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

✦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 *How Firm a Foundation* James H. Johnson

✦Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

✦Aubrey Evans and Dan Walden 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Dick Wilson-biopsy for cancer (brother of Michael Willson)
†Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnett)
†Anderson Krieger-last chemo treatment on February 20
†Jean Elder-home, respiratory problems
†Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
†Alex Bowen-injured student, Grady Hospital (nephew of Debbie Gossage)
†Agnes Campbell-home
†Kathleen Brooking-Abbey Hospice for pain management (mother of Peggy Stallings)
†Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
†Emalie Barnes-home (mother of Steven Barnes)
†Mindy Forehand-foot problems
†Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
†Gene Wallace-rehab at Merryvale
†Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems
†Sam Ramsey-home (Alice's Walker's brother-in-law)
†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)
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)

†Ethan Lassiter-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)
†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

✦Pastor Nominating Committee-please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.

Velma Prescott, a long-time member of FPC, died on February 12. The private service will take place at a later date. Velma was the mother of **Debbie Massey**.

Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321