

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 26

1:00 A Novel Bunch Book Club
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, February 27

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 28

10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 3

Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

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 any of the following things, please call her at 678-777-6604:

- ◆ Ride to church on Sundays (directions link in E-news)

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.

Ash Wednesday Community Worship Wednesday, March 6th @ 7:00pm at FUMC

We will commemorate Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent - with our neighbors at First United Methodist Church. The imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality.



Community Announcement:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER to benefit outreach
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Cost: Adults: \$5.00 / Children ages 4-12: \$4.00 / under 4 years: FREE! ALL YOU CAN EAT - pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages! Church of the Good Shepherd, 4140 Clark St.

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."



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
March
Doug Bolton

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>



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* John W. Becker

CHIMES

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's temple; God's Spirit dwells in us.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

We belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We love to hate all our enemies and fail to love all our neighbors. We love to quote commandments and yet fail to love you, our Lord and our God, in all we say and do. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us the way of your Word, and transform our living to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, as children of God, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great. Jesus Christ brings us healing and sets us free to love and serve. Thanks be to God! Amen!

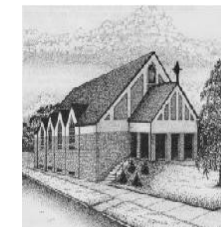
✦ RESPONSE

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 *The Gift to Be Simple* Bob Chilcott

The gift to be simple, the gift to be free, the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you oughta be, and when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bend we shan't be ashamed, turn, turn will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round 'right. The gift to be simple, the gift to be free, the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you oughta be, and when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. The gift to be simple, the gift to be free.

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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (p.106 OT)
Matthew 5:38-48 (p.5 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Better to Be Bound Together

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 Carlton R. Young
Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

☩ 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, by your grace, accept our offering. Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to the life and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

☩ 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 *Trumpet March in G* William P. Rowan

☩ Please stand if able.



*Love
your neighbor
as yourself.*

Leviticus 19:18

Worship Notes

- ☩ Pam Stillerman 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

† Alice Walker-flu (home)
† Dick Wilson-biopsy for cancer (brother of Michael Willson)
† Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnut)
† Anderson Krieger-last chemo treatment on February 20
† Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
† Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
† Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
† Gene Wallace-rehab at Merryvale
† Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems
† 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)
† 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.

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Peggy Stallings** whose mother, **Kathleen Brooking**, died last week.

Sportsmanship Award CONGRATULATIONS!
Allie Hay won the Sportsmanship Award at the regional finals of the [Interscholastic Equestrian Association](http://www.interscholastic.org) (IEA) last weekend. Allie, a youth elder at FPC, is the daughter of Loucy & Sam Hay, and granddaughter of the Rev. Louly F. Hay

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
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