

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 3
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
 12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting & Souper Bowl Lunch

Thursday, February 7
 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 9
 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study
 Presbytery Meeting in Atlanta

Tuesday, February 5
 Circle Meetings: see below
 4:00 Exercise class

Sunday, February 10
Scout Sunday

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

Wednesday, February 6
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch

We will meet together for lunch and a meeting to elect the **Pastor Nominating Committee** today. It is also Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and the youth are serving the lunch and collecting donations for the Food Pantry today.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

Elizabeth Ann Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

Martha Circle will meet on February 5th, 10:30 am at the home of Susanne Perkerson in Social Circle. Janet Carmichael will be our study leader.

Ruth Circle will meet February 5th, 7:00 pm. at the home of Eleanor Scarborough.

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.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

The Men's Bible Study will begin again this month on Saturday morning, **February 9, at 8:00 am** in the fellowship hall. We will have a discussion about options for future study. Bring your breakfast and bring a friend.

Presbytery Meeting: Our commissioners for the February 9th meeting are Steven Barnes, Cindy Moon and Cy Wolverton.

Session Team Leaders for 2019

Worship Team: Carter Gibson & Pam Stillerman

Congregational Life & Care Team: Cheryl Meichsner & Cindy Moon

Christian Education Team: Miriam Wheeler

Witness Team: Doug Bolton & Allie Hay

Welcoming & Evangelism: Donna Weesner

Finance Team: Bob Tabb & Warren Liem

Facilities & Grounds Team: Stan Hall

Personnel Team: Michael Thompson (also Assistant Clerk)

Strategic Planning Team: Cy Wolverton

Clerk of Session: John McCarthy (and communications)

This list is also posted on our website: www.fpccov.org

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

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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

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019
 Carter Gibson
 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>



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *My Faithful Heart Rejoices* Johannes Brahms

INTROIT Douglas E. Wagner

"Meditation" on *Let Us Break Bread*
 Handbell Choir and Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things visible and invisible.

God is faithful and God provides.

We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

For God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine!

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 305 DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings.

Let us live knowing the forgiveness and love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God. 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

Canticle of Love

Hal H. Hopson

When true love and charity are shown God is always found. We are brought together by love, by Christ Jesus. Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong; love than death itself is strong; therefore, give us love, give us love. Let us all be joyful in the Lord, now and always. May all people love the Lord God, God Eternal. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will with us ever stay; therefore, give us love. Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree, but the greatest of all is love; therefore, give us love, give us love. When true love and charity are shown God is always found. May we all now with sincere hearts be bound by love. Therefore, give us love, give us love.

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

Ephesians 3:14-21 (p.193 NT)

John 6:1-14 (p.97 NT)

SERMON

The Rev. Steven Barnes

Little Can Become Much

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 312 *Take Us As We Are, O God* ENDLESS FEAST

✦ 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 OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love

David Maxwell

✦ 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

Wonderful God, we rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received and for all that we have been able to share. Multiply these gifts that we give, dear Lord, so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

p.35 in hymnal

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦ 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

Jubilation

Jason D. Payne

✦ Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

✦ **Cindy Moon 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

†Ellen Clary-cancer (by Bill Clary)

†Alex Bowen-injured student, Grady Hospital (nephew of Debbie Gossage)

†Velma Prescott-Abbey Hospice (mother of Debbie Massey)

†Judge Sammy Osburn-recovering from foot surgery.

†Agnes Campbell-home

†Kathleen Brooking-rehab at Riverside (mother of Peggy Stallings)

†Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)

†Emalie Barnes-Emory Rehab, (mother of Steven Barnes)

†Mindy Forehand-foot problems

†Catherine Bouchillon-home after heart surgery (friend of Maxine Blanken-ship)

†Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)

†Bill Cobham-recovering from surgery

†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)

†Howard Barton-assisted living (step-father of Perri Walden)

†William Reavis-hospice (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)

†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

†Mark Fogarty-cancer

†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer

†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)

†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grand-son 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)

†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home

†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

Hospital Visitor:
Bob & Darcel Tabb



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