

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 9

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 12

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 13

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 16

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

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering totaled \$1008 for the Food Pantry. This is a record collection thanks to FPC generosity. Thanks to all those who helped set-up, prepare lunch and cleaned up afterward. You are awesome!

The Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane will begin her office hours on Monday, February 17th. Neeley's regular office hours will be Monday-Thursday.

In the meantime, **Rev. Kimmy Briggs** will be available for pastoral care. Her regular office hours are Tuesday-Friday.

Please use these email addresses for fulltime staff:

Neeley Rentz Lane: neeley@fpccov.org
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.



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.

Giving Statements for 2019 are Available

Year-end statements are in a box in the narthex for you to pick up. They are compliant with tax laws if you are itemizing your deductions. Help us save postage by taking yours home today! Thanks

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.

Staff E-mail Addresses:

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Church Office/Peni Kehoe: admin@fpccov.org

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Website: www.fpccov.org
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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

Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>		
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Kenneth D. Varner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

Praise the Lord!

Never forget the good things God has done for us.

Praise the Lord, all the earth—
everyone, everywhere!

We too will praise the Lord!

✦ HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

✦ RESPONSE

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.

HE CAME DOWN

✦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 103:1-18 (p.554 OT)

ANTHEM *Grant Peace, We Pray* Felix Mendelssohn

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, In our time peace,
oh, send us! For there is none on earth but Thee, None
other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Darcel Tabb

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

SERMON *Can You Imagine?* Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 468 *In My Life* Lord, Be Glorified

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 AND 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 Wayne L. Wold
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

✦RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDTH
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

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

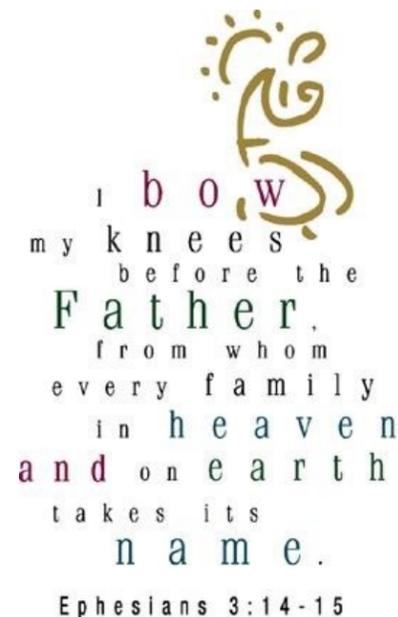
✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* J. Wayne Kerr

✦Please stand if able.


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Worship Notes

✦**Doug Bolton** 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

✦Debi Selin-clean bill of health from the doctor!

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

✦Roger Tingler-hip surgery

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

✦Bill Cobham-home

✦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

✦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 **Barbara & Chris Martin** in the death of her aunt, **Elizabeth Annese**, last week.

Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton



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