

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, January 12**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
 12:00 Session Meeting  
 3:00 Organ Concert  
 3:00 Youth Go Ice Skating!

**Thursday, January 16**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, January 19**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, January 14**  
 4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, January 15**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

### Organ Concert Today at 3:00pm

Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker will present an Organ and Piano Duet Concert today at 3:00pm at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30305). The concert will feature light classical selections which will appeal to a large audience. The concert is free and open to the public.

### Souper Bowl of Caring and Annual Meeting

February 2, 2020



We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting, including lunch, on Sunday, February 2 immediately following worship.

In conjunction with the meeting, the youth will host the Souper Bowl of Caring, which is a chance to provide financial support to our local Community Food Pantry.

We also need volunteers to bring a pot of soup to share. Please contact Kimmy to find out how to help



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### 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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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: **January:** soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauce

**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

January Usher Chair  
 Stan Hall

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

Steven Barnes  
 Kimmy Briggs

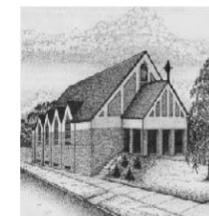
*Interim Pastor*  
*Director of Family Ministries*  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Music Director*

Alice Walker CAGO, AAGO  
*Organist/Ambassador Choir*  
 Jenny Giles and Jade Roy *Nursery*  
 Darlene Alley *Director of the Early Learning Center*



## Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* Robert Lind

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

From the north and south we come;

**From the east and west God calls us.**

Over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks:

**"I have called you by name; you are mine."**

Praise the Lord!

**Together, let us worship God!**

✦HYMN 515

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. Therefore, believe the good news—in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 READING Isaiah 6:1-8 (p.635 OT)

ANTHEM *Everywhere I Go* Natalie Sleeth

*Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me, If I call upon Him, He will hear me, never will I fear, for the Lord is near everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, Ever in His sight, no ill may harm me, I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. He is with me day by day, He will be my strength and stay; From His path I will not stray but follow in His way, In the coming days of joy or sadness I will praise His name with songs of gladness, For to me it's clear that the Lord is near everywhere I go. Everywhere God is there, tending all with loving care, He is near me everywhere I go. Dark of night, morning light, I am ever in His sight; He will keep me safe from harm I know. Day by day my strength and stay, I will follow in His way. All my days I will raise to His name glad songs of praise, For the Lord is everywhere I go.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Rev. Kimmy Briggs

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 (p.3 NT)

SERMON Rev. Steven Barnes  
*Moments of Commitment*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 297 *In Christ Called to Baptize* ST. DENIO

### 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 Kevin Norris  
*Lord, When You Look on Us with Love*

✦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 give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. 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

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

#### Prayer after Communion

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD

### ✦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 J. S. Bach  
*To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, Thanks We Give*

✦Please stand if able.

## Worship Notes

✦**Carter Gibson** 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

✦Cheryl Meichsner-eye surgery

✦Grace Ottley-eye surgery 1/14

✦Darcel Tabb-eye surgery

✦Brenda Howell-breast cancer

✦Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia

✦Guy McGiboney-stroke, Riverside for rehab

✦Mary Ann Boyer-shoulder injury

✦Joe Moon-hip surgery

✦Denny Dobbs-knee surgery

✦Homer Sharp, Jr.-staph infection (cousin of Alice Walker)

✦Bill Cobham-home

✦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 & Phil Vining-Denise received a kidney from her husband, Phil (he is Danny & Beth Vining's nephew)

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

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

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

✦Jane Watson-kidney problems, blood cancer (sister-in-law of Curtis Watson)

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

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

✦Warren Liem-health concerns

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

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

✦Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery

✦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)

#### **Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

✦Julia Brubaker-Benton House

✦Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks

#### **Merryvale:**

✦Patti Borders

✦Dot Fincher

✦Guy McGiboney (temp. at Riverside)

✦Betty Robinson

✦Louise White

✦Alice Gadilhe

✦Roger Wallace

✦Jerry McGaffney

#### **Home:**

✦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

✦Debi (Dee) Selin

✦Penny Blakeney

✦Bill Cobham

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Wolf & Pily Waetzig** in the death of his mother in Germany last week; and for **Cindy & Joe Moon** and family in the death of Cindy's mother, **Betty Knight**, on January 7th.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

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