

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 19 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, January 23 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Monday, January 20 Church Office Closed	Sunday, January 26 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Youth Lunch & Activity
Tuesday, January 21 4:00 Exercise Class	
Wednesday, January 22 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

MLK Holiday Observance Sunday, January 19 at 3:00pm

The Newton County Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance will take place at 3:00pm on Sunday, January 19th, in the Newton High School Auditorium with guest speaker Dr. Khalia Williams.

In observance of MLK day, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 20.

Souper Bowl of Caring and Annual Meeting

February 2, 2020



We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting, including lunch, on Sunday, February 2nd, 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.

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/tarhlh>



A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Tuesday, January 28th, at 1:00pm at the home of Billy and Theodosia Wade 1520 River Cove Road Social Circle to discuss "The Overstory" by Richard Powers. All are welcome!

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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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: **January:** soups, chili, stew, 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

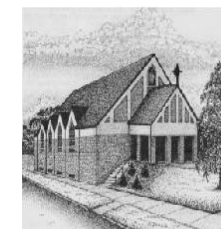
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes	Interim Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Kimmy Briggs	Director of Family Ministries	Jenny Giles	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Church Administrator	Darlene Alley	Nursery
Krista Firkus	Music Director		Director of the Early Learning Center



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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 *The Marriage in Cana of Galilee* Jaromir Weinberger

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.

In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

HYMN 19

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

God of Great and God of Small

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our baptismal waters, you sent John the Baptist to point to your Son. But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions. Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction. Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe the good news!

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 49:1-7 (p.679 OT)

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arranged: Alice Parker

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art
High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Rev. Steven Barnes

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42 (p.92 NT)

SERMON *What Do You See?* Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 737 LES PETITES SOEURS
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

✦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 *Lord Jesus Walking on the Sea* Jaromir Weinberger

✦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
O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦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 *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens

✦Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- ✦Allie Hay 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.
- ✦Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦Bill Cobham-surgery
- ✦Alice Bolton-hospice (Michael Thompson's grandmother)
- ✦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, return to Merryvale
- ✦Mary Ann Boyer-shoulder injury
- ✦Joe Moon-hip surgery
- ✦Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ✦Homer Sharp, Jr.-staph infection (cousin of Alice Walker)
- ✦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 Boltons)
- ✦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)
- ✦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
✦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 to Caryn and Michael Thompson in the death of Caryn's Aunt Winnie.

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Bailey



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