

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 26
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Youth Lunch & Games

Tuesday, January 28
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 29
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 30
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 2
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch and Congregational Meeting

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 for your faithfulness in supporting the church.

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!

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 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
 Kimmy Briggs

Interim Pastor
Director of
Family Ministries
 Church Administrator
 Music Director

Peni Kehoe
 Krista Firkus

Alice Walker
 Jenny Giles
 Darlene Alley

CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Nursery
 Director of the
 Early Learning Center



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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 *To God Be the Glory* Tom Birchwood

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now.

Let everything inside us bless God's holy name.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 401 *Here in This Place* GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of sharing your grace, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us and God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to our loving God, we are forgiven indeed! 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

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:3-14 (p.192 NT)

ANTHEM *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Tom Fettke

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so, it is well with my soul." It is well, it is well with my soul.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Rev. Kimmy Briggs

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:12-23 (p.3 NT)

SERMON *Trust in God's Choices* Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 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 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 *Make Me a Servant* Carolyn Hamlin

✦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

Dear God, accept now the gifts we offer as our thanks for your amazing grace and blessings in our lives—our small hands reaching toward your mighty hand, in gratitude and simple trust. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 372 *O for a World* AZMON

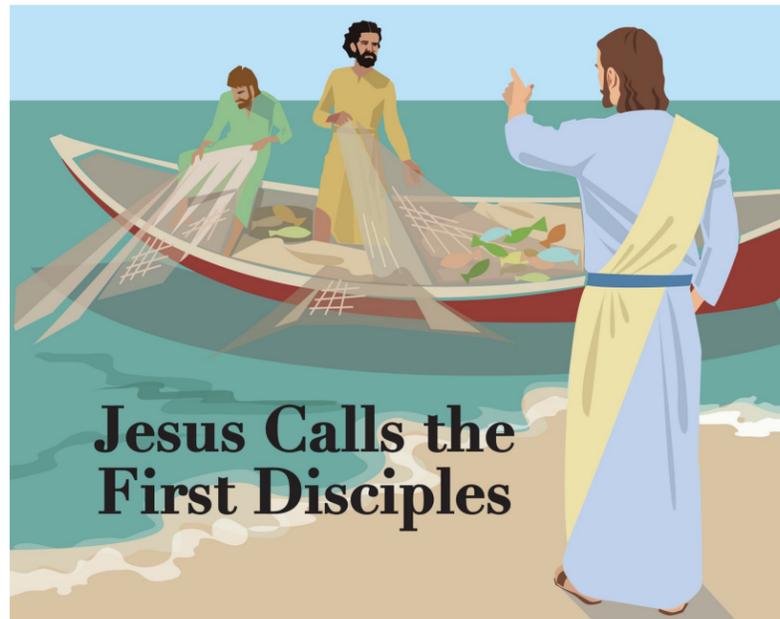
✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦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 *Allegretto* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

✦Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

✦**Aubrey Evans** 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

✦Bill Cobham-home
✦Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
✦Cheryl Meichsner-eye surgery
✦Grace Ottley-eye surgery
✦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 (father of Angela Gilmer & 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 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)
✦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
✦Debi (Dee) Selin

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

✦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 to Caryn and Michael Thompson in the death of Michael's grandmother, Alice Bolton.

Congratulations to **Jake McCarthy**, who made the Dean's List for the last term at Mercer University.

Hospital Visitors:

Darcel & Bob Tabb



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