

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, January 5</b> <b>Christmas 2</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Installation of Elders	<b>Wednesday, January 8</b> 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
<b>Monday, January 6</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	<b>Thursday, January 9</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b> Presbyterian Women's Circles See below 4:00 Exercise Class	<b>Sunday, January 12</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion 12:00 Session Meeting 3:00 Organ Concert (see below)

### Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings



**Elizabeth Ann Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 7th at 10 am in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

**Martha Circle** will meet on January 7th, 10:30 am at the home of Alice Walker with Grace Ottley as co-hostess and lesson leader.

**Ruth Circle** will meet January 7th, 7:00 pm at the home of Stephanie Fortson.

### Organ Concert Sunday, January 12 at 3:00pm

Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker will present an Organ and Piano Duet Concert on January 12, 2020 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.

## 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](http://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, 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 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
Jay Lanners  
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

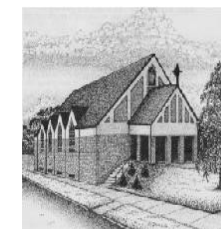
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday  
after Christmas

January 5, 2020



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Dan Miller

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace in this new year!

**We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

**We have been redeemed as God's own people.**

Praise the Lord!

**Together, let us worship God!**

### ✦HYMN 152

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*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love. Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know him. He has called us to be his own, and yet we do not always accept him. Forgive us, loving God. Show us your grace and truth until we know in fullness the good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of our salvation: In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness, according to the riches of the grace that God freely lavishes on us.

**We are reconciled to God and one another! Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### ✦RESPONSE

IN DULCI JUBILO

Hymn 132, verse 3 only

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

✦ 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 Genesis 1:1-5 (p.1 OT)

SPECIAL MUSIC African American Spiritual  
*There's a Star in the East*  
Jim Patrick, solo

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Rev. Kimmy Briggs

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-18 (p.91 NT)

SERMON Rev. Steven Barnes  
*Keep Your Eyes Open and Your Heart Ready*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Presentation

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

**All: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Welcome and Charge

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 *Gesú Bambino* Pietro A. Yon

✦ RESPONSE MENDELSSOHN

Hymn 119, verse 3

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of grace and truth, you have brought us together from many backgrounds and conditions to be this church together. Therefore, we praise you with songs, shouts, and these offerings and gifts. Multiply them for your service, that they might become your presence in the world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 145 *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

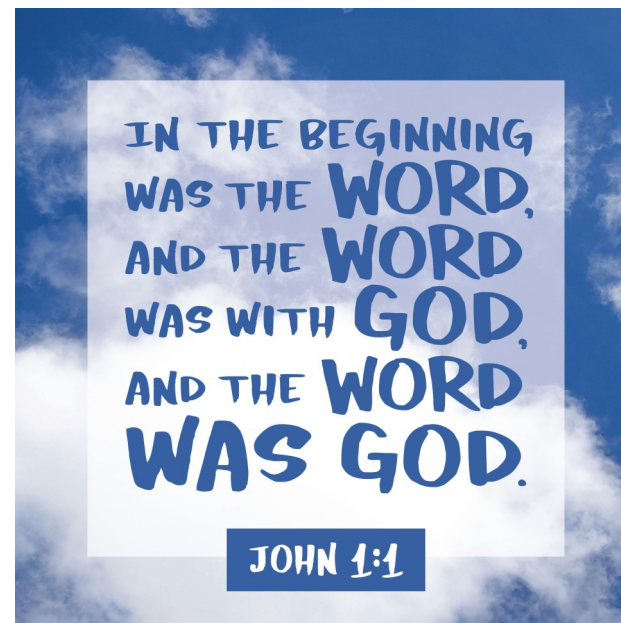
Hymn 748

**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 Michael Helman

*Trumpet Tune* on "Joy to the World"

✦ Please stand if able.



## Worship Notes

✦ Pam Stillerman 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

✦ Jake McCarthy-breathing issues

✦ 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 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)

✦ 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



**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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