

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with communion
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, January 16

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 20

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
3:00 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Giving On-line for 2019

If you give your pledge donations through **Realm**, use the fund titled "2019 Pledge" or "non-pledge" if you are giving to the operating budget and have not made a pledge.

If you want to give to other funds they are listed alphabetically – for example: Food Pantry, Discretionary Fund, Memorial Fund, etc.

If you need help with the process or the name of an appropriate fund, call the church office and speak with Peni at 770-786-7321.

Save the Date! Following worship on Sunday, February 3rd, the **2019 Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place in the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with a **Souper Bowl of Car-ing Lunch** provided by our youth group. We will enjoy a meal together and then we will share information from the staff and Session members about the ministries of the church. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!



MLK Day

Don't forget the annual MLK Celebration at Newton High Auditorium, at 3:00 p.m., Sunday the 20th of January.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of the MLK, Jr. Holiday.

A Novel Bunch book club will meet at 1:00 pm on January 22, at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin, 650 Mason Drive to discuss "Varina" by Charles Frazier.

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 the pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may 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, 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
Stan Hall

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019

Carter Gibson
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
Dan Walden

Interim Pastor
Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Peni Kehoe
Mindy Forehand

Secretary-Treasurer
Interim Music Director

Alice Walker

Organist/Ambassador Choir
Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green

Darlene Alley

Nursery
Director of the
Early Learning Center



The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Lyndell Leatherman
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

CHIMES

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

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and often even deceitful. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, the Lord says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine."

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are known and named; we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN

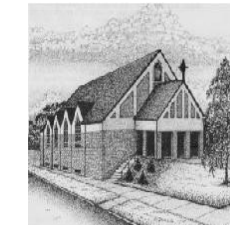
Hymn 137, verse 1 only

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

ANTHEM *As We Gather at Your Table* K. Lee Scott

*As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children.
Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's
activities downstairs.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 43:1-7 (p.672 OT)
Matthew 3:13-17 (p.3 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
It's All About What God Is Doing

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 James P. Harding
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

✠DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDRETH
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, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and
The Lord's Prayer p.35 in hymnal

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.

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 TALLIS' CANON

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 *Allegro Assai Vivace* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

✠Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✠Tom Stillerman and Dan Walden are assisting with leading 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.
- ✠Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Emalie Barnes-home, cardiac issues (mother of Steven Barnes)
†Mindy Forehand-foot problems
†Catherine Bouchillon-Piedmont Atlanta, heart issues (friend of Maxine Blankenship)
†Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
†Bill Cobham-recovering from surgery
†Gene Wallace-recovering from surgery at Merryvale
†Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems
†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery
†Sam Ramsey-home (Alice's Walker's brother-in-law)
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)
†Emma Bowen-Riverside (sister of Debbie Gossage)
†Howard Barton-assisted living (step-father of Perri Walden)
†William Reavis-hospice (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)
†Agnes Campbell-home
†Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)
†Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter)
†Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
†Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
†Mark Fogarty-cancer
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
†Ethan Lassiter-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Julia Brubaker-Benton House

Merryvale:

†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Roger Wallace

Home:

†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Debi (Dee) Selin

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton



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