

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 15

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
3:00 MLK Day Celebration

Monday, January 16

Office Closed for MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 17

4:00 Exercise Class (choir room)
10:30 PW Book Study (Kennon home)

Wednesday, January 18

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, January 22

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Oxford Youth Singers
5:00 Youth Connection

Fellowship Hall Construction

Our Capital Campaign facility improvements have begun in the Martin Fellowship Hall where the stage has been removed and new flooring is being installed. All meetings or events scheduled for this space will be relocated until further notice. Contact the church office with your questions about facility use and availability.

Women's Winter Bible Study

Presbyterian Women will be offering a short-term Women's Winter Bible Study for women entitled "The Lord's Prayer for Today" by Presbyterian minister William J. Carl, III, at 10:30 a.m. We will meet on **January 17**, at the home of Day Kennon (4102 Conyers Street, 30014, 770-786-0443), and **January 24**, in the fellowship hall, hosted by Barbara Martin (770-788-0844).

Study Books are complimentary for all who wish to participate.

The books are in the church office and in the narthex of the church.

Please sign the sign-up sheet to let us know how many people to expect. Come and enjoy this short-term Winter Bible Study and get to meet some more Presbyterian Women! For more details call Alice Walker, Day Kennon, or Barbara Martin.



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."



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

January suggested donations are:

soups, chili, chicken w/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:

Scarlett McCurry

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

Class of 2018

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

Class of 2019

Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the
Alan Bunn	Music Director		Early Learning Center



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2017

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>We Build a New Tomorrow</i>	Paul Karvonen
	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	David Lowe
	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	Richard Kingsmore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	BARONITA
	Sanctuary Choir	

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 133

Behold how good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Mt. Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

HYMN 229 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have failed many times to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have been caught up in our own lives and have failed to see the needs of others. Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see others more as you see them. Fill our hearts with your love that will enable us truly to reach out and love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our shortcomings, dear Lord, and give us the strength to do your will, for we pray in Jesus' name.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT

Hymn 444, stanza 1

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us Lord to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 353, stanza 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Ephesians 2:14

For he is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Lamb of God, Most Holy* Gordon Young
Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26-28
Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON *What We Have in Common* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 339 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
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✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the

earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY H. Alexander Matthews
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ASH GROVE
HYMN 37, stanza 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, we give you thanks for your grace to us. We have not earned your goodness, but we seek to reflect your light in our lives. Rouse us from self-absorption to see your people in need, to cross the barriers that divide us, to heal the wounds that alienate us, to discover the face of Christ in those from whom we have separated our lives; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

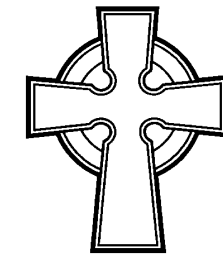
✦ HYMN 765 ARGENTINA
May the God of Hope Go With Us

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE BARONITA
Help Us Accept Each Other
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder	†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Leonard Kaminski-knee surgery	†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer	†Jan Coulon-home
†Fran Prince-recovering from surgery	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Betty Robinson-flu, back to Merryvale	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Julia Osborne Schell-lung tumor (friend of Maxine Blankenship)	†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)	†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
†Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer	Riverside
†Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Martha Borders
†Louise Strickland-home	†Rita Harrell
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	Merryvale
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	†Guy McGiboney
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Bill Taylor
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	†Betty Robinson
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	†Louise White
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Betty Goins
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	†Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Ellis and Carol Dunbar**, in the death of his sister, Barbara Dunbar Hancock, who died January 9.

Hospital Visitor:
Bob & Darcel Tabb