

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 20
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 3:00 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 21
MLK Day
 Church office closed

Tuesday, January 22
 1:00 A Novel Bunch
 4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, January 23
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24
 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 27
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 5:00 Youth Connection & Parent Dinner Meeting



MLK Day

Don't forget the annual MLK Celebration at Newton High Auditorium, at 3:00 p.m., today.

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

Please update Your Contact Information! We are preparing to print new directories for the congregation. We've recently discovered that we have incorrect information on some email addresses, phone numbers and addresses. So please call or email the church office with any changes. Thanks! penihaug@gmail.com or 770.786.7321.



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.

Session Team Leaders for 2019

Worship Team: Carter Gibson & Pam Stillerman
Congregational Life & Care Team: Cheryl Meichsner & Cindy Moon
Christian Education Team: Miriam Wheeler
Witness Team: Doug Bolton & Allie Hay
Welcoming & Evangelism: Donna Weesner
Finance Team: Bob Tabb & Warren Liem
Facilities & Grounds Team: Stan Hall
Personnel Team: Michael Thompson (also Assistant Clerk)
Strategic Planning Team: Cy Wolverton
Clerk of Session: John McCarthy (and communications)
 This list is also posted on our website: www.fpccov.org

Time and Talent Pledges Thanks to those who have volunteered their time and talents on their pledge card. A list of those who have volunteered for various ministries has been given to Session members so that they may contact you about your service to the church. If you forgot to fill out your time & talent pledge, it's not too late. Just contact the team leader of that area from the above list and call them or the church office.

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	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Mindy Forehand	<i>Interim Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Our Father in Heaven

J. S. Bach

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord is great.
God's faithfulness endures forever.
 Here we drink from the fountain of life.
Here we feast at the table of grace.
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. We have been fickle and unfaithful, but your steadfast love never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but you freely pour out your gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of your way and use our gifts for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace we have been saved. Believe the good news—in Jesus' name we are forgiven.
God's steadfast love extends to the heavens and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives us and saves us! 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 *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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

1st Corinthians 12:1-11 (p.174 NT)

John 2:1-11 (p.93 NT)

SERMON *The Rev. Steven Barnes*

Grace -- Abundant and Unlimited

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Sometimes, we believe that the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts—of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart—they can become rivers of grace and mercy flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you, God, in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ RESPONSE 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 John Goss

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

✦ Please stand if able.



Congregational Meeting and Lunch
We will meet together for lunch and a meeting to elect the **Pastor Nominating Committee** on Sunday, February 3. It is also Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and the youth are serving the lunch and collecting for the Food Pantry for this special day.

Year End Statements of Giving for 2018 are available on the round table in the narthex. If you itemize your income tax you will need it to report your charitable giving. They are in a box in alphabetical order, so please take yours home with you. It saves our postage budget. Thanks for being a good steward.

Worship Notes

- ✦ **Dan Walden** 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- † Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- † 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

Dennis and Judy Hooten celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 17. They were married in the old sanctuary (offices) by Reverend Thomas J. White. They grew up attending FPC and have continuously attended worship here.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Mickey Humphries** who died this week. Mickey is the sister of **Tootles Tingler**. A memorial service was held this week in their hometown of Covington, Virginia.

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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