

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, January 27</b>            9:00 Handbell Rehearsal            10:00 Sunday School            11:00 Worship Service            5:00 Youth Connection &amp; Parent Dinner Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 29</b>            4:00 Exercise class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 30</b>            6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 31</b>            10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 3</b>            9:00 Handbell Choir            10:00 Sunday School            11:00 Worship Service            12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting &amp; Souper Bowl Lunch</p>
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**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](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com) or 770.786.7321.

#### Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

The Men's Bible Study will begin again this month on Saturday morning, **February 9, at 8:00 am** in the fellowship hall. We will have a discussion about options for future study. Bring your breakfast and bring a friend.

**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.

#### 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](http://www.fpccov.org)

**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](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**  
Stan Hall

**February**  
Carter Gibson

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



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019



Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Jason D. Payne

CHIMES

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Speak to us this day, O Lord;  
**we are gathered to hear your Word.**  
 Empower us with your Holy Spirit  
**to speak good news to the world.**  
 Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

✦ HYMN 401

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You offer us your living Word, but we do not listen to your voice. You call us to be one in your Spirit, but all too often we foster division in Christ's body. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our hearts again this day to the liberating truth of your Word and the life-giving power of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, we are filled by God's Spirit, and we are commissioned to be Christ's hope—that means we are called to be Christ's people for the world.  
**As Christ's people, forgiven and loved—we must care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, live with one another, and above all else, love one another. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

✦ RESPONSE

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.**

HE CAME DOWN

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Keep God's Light* Mark Patterson

*Keep God's light before you; keep God's truth beside you; keep God's hope to guide you ev'rywhere you go. Keep God's peace within you; feel God's strength defend you; let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Hold on in times of sorrow; hold on through days of despair; even in the darkest valley God will always be there. Keep God's light before you; keep God's truth beside you; keep God's hope to guide you ev'rywhere you go. Keep God's peace within you; feel God's strength defend you; let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Look now to days of gladness; God's light still shines the way never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray, we pray. Keep God's light before you; keep God's truth beside you; keep God's hope to guide you ev'rywhere you go. Keep God's peace within you; feel God's strength defend you; let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Let God's love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Hold on, hold on; God will show you the way.*

## 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 61:1-4 (p.691 OT)  
Luke 4:14-21 (p.61 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*Christian By Name or By Practice?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 757 KINGSFORD  
*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

✦ Affirmation of Faith  
(from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991))

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer

Welcome

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Douglas E. Wagner

✦ 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

**Though different amounts and different ways, when gathered up by you, our gifts become a food pantry, a rebuilt life, medicine for the sick, a caregiver to those in need, and more—all of it, your grace in action. In love we offer these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 372 *O for a World* AZMON

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ 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 "Coronation" Fanfares Robert Lau

✦ Please stand if able.

### Annual 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.

## Worship Notes

✦ **John McCarthy 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](http://www.fpccov.org).  
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bob Wheeler-home (brother of Jack Wheeler)	†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
†Agnes Campbell-home	†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
†Kathleen Brooking-rehab at Riverside (mother of Peggy Stallings)	†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
†Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)	†Ethan Lassiter-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)
†Emalie Barnes-St. Joseph's Hospital, recovering from bypass surgery (mother of Steven Barnes)	†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
†Mindy Forehand-foot problems	†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Catherine Bouchillon-Piedmont Atlanta, heart issues (friend of Maxine Blankenship)	†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Angela Gregory-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)	†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Bill Cobham-recovering from surgery	<b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b>
†Gene Wallace-rehab at Merryvale	†Julia Brubaker-Benton House
†Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems	<b>Merryvale:</b>
†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery	†Guy McGiboney
†Sam Ramsey-home (Alice's Walker's brother-in-law)	†Betty Robinson
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother)	†Louise White
†Emma Bowen-Riverside (sister of Debbie Gossage)	†Alice Gadilhe
†Howard Barton-assisted living (step-father of Perri Walden)	†Roger Wallace
†William Reavis-hospice (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)	<b>Home:</b>
†Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)	†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter)	†Debi (Dee) Selin
†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)	

**Dr. Paige Carmichael**, daughter of **Patrick & Janet Carmichael**, was awarded the **UGA 2019 President's Fulfilling the Dream Award**. This prestigious award is presented to individual from the Athens-Clarke County and University communities who have made significant efforts to build bridges of unity and understanding. The award was presented to Dr. Carmichael at the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast on Friday, January 18th

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Bob & Darcel Tabb