

Ongoing Activities in the Life  
of the Church

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, January 29**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Parents' and Youth Meeting

**Tuesday, January 31**  
4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, February 1**  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 2**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, February 5**  
**Souper Bowl of Caring Offering**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Super Bowl Party

**Parents & Youth Dinner**  
**This Evening @ 6:00 p.m.**

**YOUTH CONNECTION:** Parents and youth (6th through 12th grades) are invited to come together for dinner followed by some discussion about our plans and our mission together. *Bring your calendar !!*

**2016 Offering Statements are ready** to be picked up. There are in a box in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking yours home with you saves 49 cents each in mailing costs. That is a savings of approximately \$50! That's good stewardship! You may also log on to *Realm* and print your own!



**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.

**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**

<p><b>January Usher Chair:</b> Scarlett McCurry</p> <p><b>February Chair:</b> Billy Fortson</p>	<p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

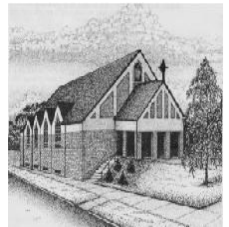
<p><b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton Jake McCarthy Koen Ardis</p>	<p><b>Class of 2018</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman</p>	<p><b>Class of 2019</b> Carter Gibson John McCarthy Teresa McCurry Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler</p>
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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



**Fourth Sunday after  
Epiphany**  
**January 29, 2017**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Chester Kingsbury  
*Trumpet Tune* Michael McCabe  
*You Shall Come with Joy!* Douglas Wagner  
*Larghetto* Johann W. Franck

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT** *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN  
*Sanctuary Choir*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** I Corinthians 1:18  
The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.  
**But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

✦ **HYMN 265** DUKE STREET  
*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Psalm 51:10  
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Listen to our prayer, God. There are things we have done and said which we wish we could take back. We have thoughts we cannot control. We have harbored grudges. We have been consumed with thoughts of getting even. We have confused your will with our own desires. You tell us that you seek to forgive everything. Help us to believe that. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. We need new chances. We need your mercy. We need your love. We pray this in Jesus' name.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
Hymn 729, stanza 4 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart,  
in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 619, stanza 1  
*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Blest are They* David Haas  
Sanctuary and Children's Choirs

A MOMENT FOR MISSION Patti Lanford

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 READING Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON *Blessedness* William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* HALL

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156* J. S. Bach

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MONKLAND  
Hymn 31, stanza 1  
*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, and in encouraging those around us to know and follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

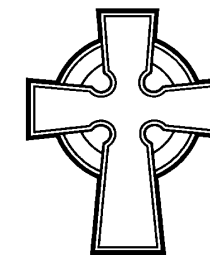
✦ HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Gloria from Twelfth Mass* W. A. Mozart

✦ 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

† Mary Bollinger-Piedmont/Newton  
† Freda-leukemia (friend of Faye Kitchens)  
† Jose Luis Trujullo Herrera - heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)  
† Sam Hay, Jr.-recovering from knee surgery  
† Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder  
† Leonard Kaminski-knee surgery  
† Ursula Kaminski-cancer  
† Fran Prince-chemotherapy and radiation  
† Julianne Schell-lung tumor  
† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)  
† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)  
† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer  
† Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems  
† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)  
† Louise Strickland-home  
† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)  
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)  
† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)  
† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)  
† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant  
† Jan Coulon-home  
† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma  
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare  
† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA  
† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

**Riverside**  
† Joy Knight -hospice care  
† Martha Borders  
† Rita Harrell

**Merryvale**  
† Guy McGiboney  
† Bill Taylor  
† Betty Robinson  
† Louise White  
† Betty Goins  
† Hughie Hudson

**Priya Emilia Prabhakar**, born January 24, 2017, to Beth and Ash Prabhakar. She is Betty Robinson's 16th great-grandchild. She is the first grandchild of Sally Pat Williams and Blair Weaver.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Day Kennon