

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service & Ordination and Installation of Elders and Session Members

**Tuesday, January 8**  
 4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, January 9**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, January 10**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal  
**Sunday, January 13**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
 12:00 Session Meeting

### Presbyterian Women's Circles for January:

**Elizabeth Ann Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 10 am in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Chairs: Barbara Martin, Joyce Ashworth.

**Martha Circle** will meet on January 8th, 10:30 am at the home of Day Kennon. Chair: Jeanie Liem.

**Ruth Circle** will meet January 8th, 7:00 pm at the church in the fellowship hall. Jan Giles will be the hostess. Chair: Jean Wolverton.

If you are not currently attending a circle, you are invited to join one! Please let the chair or hostess know you will be attending.

### 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!** There will be a luncheon for the congregation on Sunday, February 3, immediately after worship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



# KEEP SEEKING HIM

**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

**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

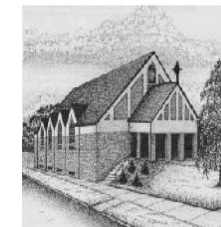
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019



## Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away* J. S. Bach

CHIMES

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We have seen a star in the East.  
**God is with us. Light has come!**  
 We have heard the songs of the angels.  
**God is with us. Love has come!**  
 Now we follow the light into the world.  
**God is with us. Christ has come!**

✦ HYMN 147 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You have searched for us, and yet we hide from you. You have lavished us with blessing, and yet we treasure earthly things. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the mystery of your saving love be revealed, even in our lives, according to your eternal purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, be glad and rejoice in God's goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven indeed! Amen!**

### ✦ RESPONSE

Hymn 132, verse 3 only  
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

### ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Go Tell It on the Mountain* John W. Work  
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by  
night, Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy  
light. The shepherds watched and trembled when lo! above  
the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's  
birth. Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born.  
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.*

## 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 Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.193 NT)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (p.2 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*Have You Heard That Story?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

### Ordination and Installation of Elders

#### Presentation

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

**All: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Welcome and Charge

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY George Lachenauer  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GREENSLEEVES  
Hymn 145, stanza 3  
***So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary!***

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**God of grace and truth, you have brought us together from many backgrounds and conditions to be this church together. Therefore, we praise you with songs, shouts, and these offerings and gifts. Multiply them for your service, that they might become your presence in the world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 152 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

## ✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦POSTLUDE David Cherwien  
*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

✦Please stand if able.



## Worship Notes

✦**Cheryl Meichsner** 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).  
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Emalie Barnes-home, cardiac issues (mother of Steven Barnes)  
†Angela Gregory-surgery, 1/7 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  
†Roger Tingle-recovering from surgery  
†Sam Ramsey-home (Alice's Walker's brother-in-law)  
†Betty Lunsford-home  
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother)  
†Judith Barton-home (Perri Walden's mother)

†Emma Bowen-Riverside (sister of Debbie Gossage)  
†Howard Barton-home (step-father of Perri Walden)  
†William Reavis-home (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)  
†Florine DeConinck-recovering from surgery  
†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

### **Peace Corps Volunteer**

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia P. O. Box 50707 Lusaka, Zambia  
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We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Jean Elder** and her family in the death of her husband, **Jim**, who died on December 28, 2018. A Service in Witness to the Resurrection was held on December 31.

We celebrate the birth of **Saaya Elizabeth Prabhaker**, daughter of Beth and Ash Prabhaker, granddaughter of Sally Pat Williams and Blair Weaver, and 17th great-grandchild of Betty Robinson!

**Hospital Visitor:** Jean Wolverton

