

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 14
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
 2:00 Memorial for Reed Blakeney

Tuesday, July 16
 4:00 Exercise class

Monday, July 15
 11:00 Salem Camp Worship with the Ambassador Choir

Sunday, July 21
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Salem Camp Meeting

Come hear the Ambassador Choir tomorrow, July 15

The SINGING SAINTS from First United Methodist Church and the AMBASSADOR CHOIR from FPC will sing at SALEM CAMP MEETING. Meet under the Tabernacle at 10:30 AM sharp for rehearsal. Choirs begin singing at 10:45 AM. Worship Service at 11:00 AM. Complimentary Lunch at Salem Hotel at 12:30 PM. Reservations for lunch are required so please let Alice know your plans. Camp meeting runs through July 19th, with services at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

Second Quarter Statements of Giving

On July 8th, we sent quarterly statements to those who have email via email. It would have been delivered as a link to your Realm statement from First Presbyterian Church. (If we have your correct email address.) Those who don't have email will have a printed statement in a basket in the narthex. If you didn't receive your statement via email, you may call or email the office and one will be printed for you.



**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.
E-mail:

The Rev. Steven Barnes: revbarnesy@me.com
 Church Office/Peni Kehoe: penihaug@gmail.com
E-news announcements go to: info@fpccov.org

Website: www.fpccov.org
 Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
 Covington, Georgia 30014

You may read or 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:

July: bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo

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

July
 Cy Wolverton

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019
 Carter Gibson
 Jay Lanners
 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>	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Interim Music Director</i>		
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Intermezzo* Pietro Mascagni
Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow arr. John W. Schaum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary.
Lord have mercy.
 Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.
Christ have mercy.
 Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.
Lord have mercy.
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

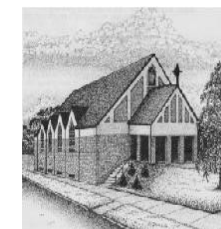
Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
Let us believe this good news with our whole hearts—in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

Hymn 435, verse 2
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam
Janet Carmichael, soloist

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.638 OT)
Matthew 1:18-25 (p.1 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Christmas All the Time!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Philippians 2:6-11*
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *What Child Is This* arr. Mark Hayes

✦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

God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of your love and grace, so many gifts are given and received in your name all the time, and we pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now. Use them according to your purposes and plans, bringing your good news of great joy to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦RESPONSE 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
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 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Mark Hayes

✦Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦**John McCarthy** is assisting in worship today.
- ✦**Loucy Hay** is playing the piano in the absence of Alice Walker. Thanks, Loucy!
- ✦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.
- ✦Documents and Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦Ronnie Patrick-neck surgery (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- ✦Laura Cox-recovering from surgery as the result of a dog attack. (Randy Layton's niece)
- ✦Jane LeMaster-hospital in Athens (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- ✦Laurie Bunn-beloved dog seriously ill
- ✦Bill Cobham-rehab in Snellville
- ✦Bobbie Vining-spine surgery and rehab (sister-in-law of Beth and Danny Vining)
- ✦Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
- ✦Terry Elder-vision problems (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦Joe Schell-home (father of Krissy Jones)
- ✦Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Wilson)
- ✦Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnutt)
- ✦Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ✦Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- ✦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
- ✦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ✦Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
- ✦Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
- ✦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦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:

- ✦Patti Borders
- ✦Guy McGiboney
- ✦Betty Robinson
- ✦Louise White
- ✦Alice Gadilhe
- ✦Roger Wallace

Home:

- ✦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- ✦Debi (Dee) Selin
- ✦Agnes Campbell

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Jan Giles** and her family in the death of her sister, **Judith Davis Hart**, of Kissimmee, Florida, who died on July 10 after an extended illness.

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Bailey

✦Pastor Nominating Committee—please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321