

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

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

**Sunday, July 28**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, July 23**  
4:00 Exercise class



**Family Promise's** goal is to keep families together by giving families a hand-up and assist them in their return to self-sufficiency. Services include case management, counseling, enrichment programs, resources, and job referrals with the focus on securing employment and next-step housing.

As such, the **Family Promise** ministry is not necessarily an answer to an over-crowded homeless shelter. Participant families are thoroughly screened and must meet certain criteria for this type of assistance, particularly that they are a family with children (with or without two parents) in Newton or Rockdale counties.

Learn more on their website at [www.familypromiseofnewrock.org](http://www.familypromiseofnewrock.org).

**Items needs for our Family Promise Guests:** twin mattress pads, sheets, blankets, towels and wash cloths. If you receive the weekly enews, there is a more detailed list. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please put "Family Promise" in the memo space.

### 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.  
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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
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Covington, Georgia 30014

You may read or 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:

**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 Usher Chair**  
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>		



*Sixth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

July 21, 2019

*Order of Worship*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O, Worship the King* William Croft

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
**Our God is full of compassion.**

Let us walk in the presence of the Lord, today and always;  
**Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
Praise the Lord!

**Together, let us worship God!**

HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, O God, through our Savior, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

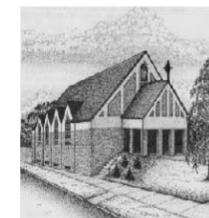
Sisters and brothers, just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.

**In the name of 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

*'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus* Louisa M.R. Stead  
Krista Firkus, soprano;  
Stan Hall, John McCarthy and Rod Pruner, guitars

### 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 Matthew 25:31-46 (p.29 NT)  
James 2:14-18 (p.230 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*With Our Own Two Hands*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Worthy of Worship* Mark Blakenship  
Stan Hall, John McCarthy and Rod Pruner, guitars

✦ 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

**Gracious God, all that we have we return to you, asking you to accept the offerings we bring, and bless our endeavors in your name. With our voices we will sing your praises; with our hands we will serve those in need. With our feet we will seek to walk faithfully; with our hearts we will love you completely. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 733 ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN  
*We All Are One in Mission*

### ✦ 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 *Jesus Is Lord* Matthew H. Corl

✦ Please stand if able.



### Worship Notes

- ✦ **Allie Hay** is assisting in 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.
- ✦ Documents and Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).
- ✦ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Larry Kennon-shoulder surgery 7/24
- ✦ Carol Dunbar-fall, on-going tests
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Bill Cobham-home
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Wilson)
- ✦ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnut)
- ✦ 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 the family & friends of **Joyce Ashworth**, who died on July 17th. The funeral will be at FPC on August 3rd at .

### Celebrations:

**Liz Stillerman** has been appointed as the new Artistic Director of the Covington Regional Ballet.  
**Tom & Erin Stillerman** have announced that they are expecting their first child at the end of January. This will be the first grandchild for Jim & Pam!

### Hospital Visitors:

Bob & Darcel Tabb

✦ 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.  
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