

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Monday—Thursday
Thornwell Ski Camp at the Boteler's Cabin on the lake

Tuesday, July 30
4:00 Exercise class

Thursday, August 1
10:30 Ambassador Choir

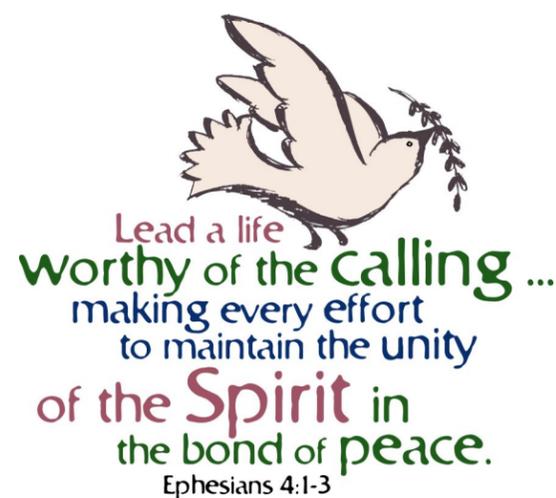
Saturday, August 3
11:00 Memorial Service for Joyce Ashworth

Sunday, August 4
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service



Learn more on their website at www.familypromiseofnewrock.org.

Items needed for our Family Promise Guests: twin mattress pads, twin sheet sets, blankets (single or double), 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 or on your envelope.



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.
E-mail:

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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
August: 2 lb. bags of sugar or flour

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
August Usher Chair
Cindy Moon

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>		



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Heinrich Fleischer

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God,
For there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all things;
Who is above all and through all and in all.
We come with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love!
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and grow more and more in grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to fill us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us.
This is definitely good news—God loves us and graces us with mercy, creating new life and new possibilities from our brokenness. 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 Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn
Gracie Bates, solo

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 John 13:31-35 (p. 108 NT)
Ephesians 4:1-16 (p.193 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
It Does a Body Good

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the *PCUSA Study Catechism, Question 3*)

Q: How do you live for the love of God?

A: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. 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 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

✦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

Holy God, use the gifts that we offer to you to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and to grant willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 327 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

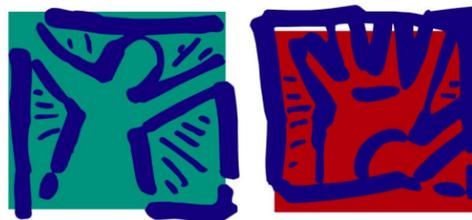
✦BENEDICTION AND FAREWELL BLESSING

✦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 Rhonda Furr
Celebration on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

✦Please stand if able.

... the whole body, joined and knit together ...



as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

EPHESIANS 4:16, NRSV

Worship Notes

- ✦**Jake McCarthy and Darcel Tabb** are 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.
- ✦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

- ✦Jessica Couture-skin cancer surgery (daughter of Del & Mary Ann Boyer)
- ✦Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ✦Carol Dunbar-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

Today we send off with a blessing, **Bill & Diane Loeble**, and **Jean Carol Mundy** to a new phase in their lives. Jean Carol will be living in Atlanta and Bill & Diane will be in Columbia, SC.

Hospital Visitors:

Beth & Danny Vining

✦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