

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, July 7**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, July 9**  
4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, July 10**  
1:30 Ambassador Choir at FUMC

**Friday, July 12**  
Salem Campmeeting begins

**Saturday, July 13**  
Salem 5K Race

**Sunday, July 14**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

### Sweet Spirit of Salem Trail Race!

Registration is OPEN for the Sweet Spirit of Salem Trail Race! Join us on Saturday, July 13th, for the annual running of the Sweet Spirit of Salem 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run! Runners and walkers are welcome. Please see the registration link ([www.ultrasignup.com](http://www.ultrasignup.com)) or please feel free to contact Maria Davis at 770.710.7975 with any questions or if you're interested in sponsorship. See you there! The full link to register appears in weekly e-news publications.

### Salem Camp Meeting

#### Come hear the Ambassador Choir on 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 required so please let Alice know your

## From Sea to Shining Sea



**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 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**  
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>		



*Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

July 7, 2019

*Order of Worship*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Give to God Immortal Praise!* David Cherwien

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The time is ripe; the harvest is near.  
**Everything old is passing away.**  
The kingdom of God is springing to life.  
**See, everything is becoming new!**  
Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our living Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

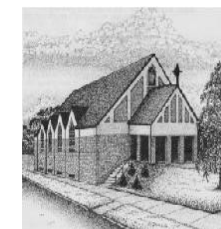
Sisters and brothers, this is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death. Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.  
**Now, we know we are forgiven; now, we know we are at peace; now, we can step forward in faith, to live with our God forever. 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 *America the Beautiful* Katharine Lee Bates  
Jim Patrick, 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 Ezekiel 17:22-24 (p.784 OT)  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (p.544 OT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*Gold Medals All Around*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 366 HYFRYDOL  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

✦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 *Fantasy on "Duke Street"* John Hatton

✦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

**Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

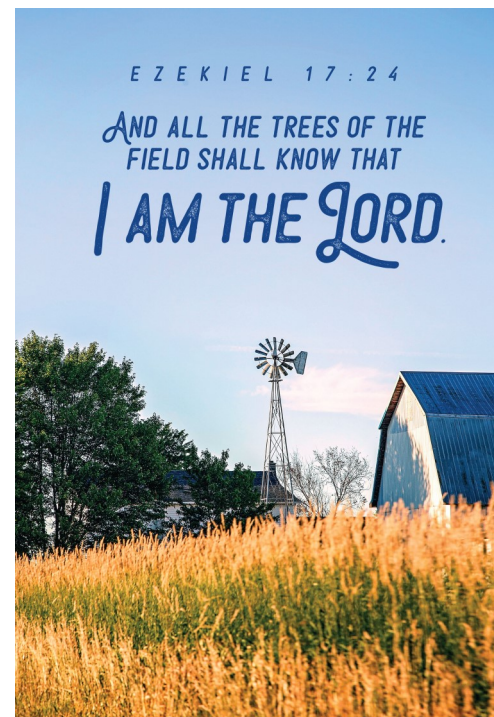
✦HYMN 757 KINGSFOLD  
*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

### ✦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 *Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"* Rex Koury

✦Please stand if able.



### Worship Notes

- ✦Michael Thompson 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).
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### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦Jane LeMaster-hospital in Athens (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- ✦Jan Giles-tests
- ✦Laurie Bunn-beloved pet seriously ill
- ✦Charlotte Rogers-heart attack (sister of Travis Moss and friend of Louly F. Hay)
- ✦Bill Cobham-rehab in Snellville
- ✦Bobbie Vining-spine surgery and rehab (sister-in-law of Beth and Danny Vining)
- ✦Sandy Peterson-health issues
- ✦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 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 of **Reed Blakeney**, who died on July 4th, especially to his wife, **Penny**; and to the family of **Charles Strickland**, who died last week.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

✦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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