

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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| Sunday, June 2 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service | Wednesday, June 5 9:15 Ambassador Choir meets to carpool 6:45 Sanctuary Choir |
| Monday, June 3 10:30 Red Cross Volunteer Training | Sunday, June 9 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Celebration Lunch for Dan Walden |
| Tuesday, June 4 4:00 Exercise class 6:00 Presbyterian Women's Supper | |

Invitation to All Women of FPC: Whether you are a circle member or not, please join us on **June 4th, at 6:00 pm** to greet old friends and to make new ones. **Reservations are necessary.** Please fill in a pink reservation form and place in the offering plate. Be sure to circle either "salmon" or "chicken". Donations toward the meal are appreciated.

Lake Jackson Ski Camp for Thornwell

We have two groups of students from Thornwell coming to Lake Jackson again this summer for fun in the sun. I hope some or all of you are up for the challenge and joy of feeding a group of 15-20 hungry kids and adults this summer! Here are the dates still available for meals:

- July 29 – dinner
- July 30 – dinner
- July 31 - dinner

Want to participate but don't have time to cook a meal or financially can't afford to feed the masses...no worries! If you have time to pick up a meal for us from a restaurant in Covington and deliver it to the lake, we would love your help in that way (Susan will place the order and pay).

My email is sboteler@mindspring.com. Home 770-698-0750 and cell 404-234-4113. I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you so much, Susan Boteler

Blood Drive Volunteers Needed The church will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, July 3 from 2-7 pm. Volunteers who wish to assist are asked to contact Doug Bolton, 678-858-2080. Training for volunteers is Monday, June 3 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Village Field Trip!

On **Thursday June 27th**, let's go on a field trip to Presbyterian Village Austell! We will depart the church at **9:30** by church bus, tour on foot or with their bus, have lunch as guests, and hear from Gwen Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of PHGA, Inc. We will return to the church **about 2:30**. **If needed, wheelchairs will be available. Kindly respond by June 20 in person or by email or cell phone** to Louly Hay. LFHAY@charter.net or 770-656-0694.



**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 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:

June: juices, kool-aid packs, non-refrigerated lunch and snack items for kids; toilet paper

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

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| June Donna Weesner | Sound Engineer: Ken Walker |
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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| 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 |
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| Steven Barnes Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus | <i>Interim Pastor</i> <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green Nursery |
| Alice Walker | <i>Interim Music Director</i> CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> | Darlene Alley <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i> |



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Day Full of Grace* Bryan King

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples, we are witnesses to the work of Christ.
Let us proclaim his name to all nations!
 Just as Christ blessed the disciples, we have been blessed.
Let us praise God with great joy!
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. While Jesus was with us on earth, we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer. Now that he reigns in heaven we forget that he is Lord of all the earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Be the sovereign of our lives and make us always ready to spread your love and follow your way; through Jesus Christ our living Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

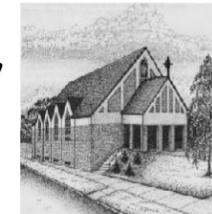
We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world. We are grounded—yesterday, today, and tomorrow—in God's forgiveness, hope, and love.
Today, tomorrow, forever—we can live our lives and share God's hope and joy with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen!

✦ RESPONSE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Hymn 263, verse 2
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM William C. Dix; arr. Benjamin Harrison
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of ev'ry nation hath redeemed us by his blood. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore!"

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (p.616 OT)
Acts 1:1-11 (p.118 NT)

SERMON *What Time Is It?* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 722 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the PCUSA Study Catechism, Q.47

What does it mean that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"? First, that Christ has gone to be with the Father, hidden except to the eyes of faith. Second, however, that Christ is not cut off from us in the remote past, or in some place from which he cannot reach us, but is present to us here and now by grace. He reigns with divine authority, protecting us, guiding us, and interceding for us until he returns in glory. 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 Nancy M. Raabe
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these offerings may help spread your love near and far. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

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 *How Firm a Foundation* James H. Johnson

Please stand if able.

There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



Ecclesiastes 3:1

Worship Notes

- ◆ Pam Stillerman 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.
- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Danielle Schubert-home recovering from surgery
- ◆ Ruth McDaniel-home
- ◆ 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 **Rob and Kerry Jones** in the death of his father, **Greg Jones**.

Hospital Visitor:
Cy 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.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321