

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, March 10</b> <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Thursday, March 14</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b> 4:00 Exercise class	<b>Saturday, March 16</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast Study
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b> 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday, March 17</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

### Lenten Sermon Series

The Rev. Steven Barnes is preparing a Lenten Sermon Series called "What Led to the Cross?" and it will explore the following characters of the Holy Week drama beginning this week.

- Judas
- Caiaphas
- Pontius Pilate
- the Trial & Crucifixion of Christ
- Jesus of Nazareth

### Lenten Sunday School Study

**Sundays beginning March 10th @ 10:00am**

Join us for a special Lenten study entitled Seven Days to Glory led by our pastor the Rev. Steven Barnes. "The last week of Jesus' life encompassed some of Christianity's most significant events. Based on the Gospel of Mark, this study looks at each of these days to describe the importance of Jesus' actions at the time, and what they mean for Christian living today."

**The Men's Bible Study** will meet this month on Saturday morning, **March 16, at 8:00 am** in the fellowship hall. We will begin a Lenten study. Bring your breakfast and bring a friend!

### Spring Family Festival @ Art Affair

**Friday, March 22nd @ 6:30pm**

**First Presbyterian Early Learning Center** is planning a family festival filled with live music and fun of all kinds. We will have live and silent auctions of art created by the children of the FPELC, local artists, and friends of FPELC, and raffle baskets with all kinds of local goods and services. Come out and enjoy the auctions, raffles, games, music, refreshments, and fun! This year's event will be held in the fellowship hall and on the church playground.

Advance purchase tickets are \$15 each, 2 for \$25, or buy 4 and get the 5th ticket FREE!

**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.

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You may 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:

**March:** canned vegetables

**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

**March**  
Doug Bolton

**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

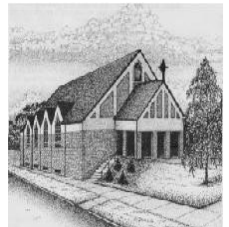
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes	Interim Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer		Nursery
Krista Firkus	Interim Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center



## First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019



"Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word, a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder ...

**Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!"**

*Lent, From Kneeling in Jerusalem.* ©1992 Ann Barr Weems. Used by permission of Westminster John Knox Press.

## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *The Glory of These Forty Days* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Hal H. Hopson

*A Lenten Walk: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;*  
*Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.*  
*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;*  
*Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

From water to wilderness, on stone and in hearts:  
**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**  
 We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
**For where he is, we would be also.**  
 Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

HYMN 166 ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to trust the way and the life of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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. Believe the good news—in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven indeed! Amen!**

✦ GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM LAFFERTY  
*Seek Ye First*  
*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia! You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!*

## 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 READING

Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16, 20-25 (p.29 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*What Led to the Cross?—Judas*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 215 WONDRIOUS LOVE  
*What Wondrous Love Is This?*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*  
**We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Martin Herbst

✦ RESPONSE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG  
Hymn 223, verse 4  
**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive these offerings and use them for your own good purposes in the church and throughout all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 417 SOUTHWELL  
*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON  
Hymn 748  
**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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther

✦ Please stand if able.



So Judas brought  
a detachment  
of soldiers ...  
and they came there  
with lanterns and  
torches and weapons.

## Worship Notes

- ✦ **Cheryl Meichsner and Dan Walden** are assisting with leading 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](http://www.fpccov.org).
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Abby Sugg - tests (daughter of Kara & Mike Sugg)
- ✦ Anna Dennis - tumor (sister of Chuck Brasher)
- ✦ Ashley Wheeler - surgery 3/18 (granddaughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
- ✦ Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Willson)
- ✦ 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-recovering from surgery, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦ Gene Wallace-rehab at Merryvale
- ✦ Ruth McDaniel-home, back problems
- ✦ Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother)
- ✦ Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
- ✦ Ethan Lassiter-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)
- ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦ Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

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

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House

### Merryvale:

- ✦ 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 **Sherri & Chuck Brasher** in the death of Sherri's mother.

**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."*