

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, March 12

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Celebration Luncheon  
5:00 Youth Connection

#### Tuesday, March 14

4:00 Exercise Class

#### Wednesday, March 15

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 16

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
12:00 Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch

#### Saturday, March 18

Session Retreat

#### Sunday, March 19

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
3:00 Youth Connection to see "Hairspray"

### Presbyterian Women's Worship Service

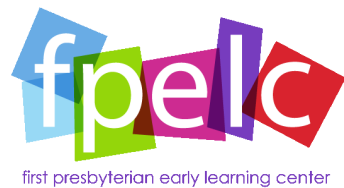
Today, members of the Presbyterian Women Circles of our church are hosting the Women's Day worship service and a luncheon after the service.

#### There will be a Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch

Thursday, March 16, at noon. Please call the church office to let us know you will attend. We want to have enough food for everyone! Join the fellowship of this group!

#### 10th Annual ART AFFAIR Friday, March 24th 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The Art Affair is a fun, casual, adult evening filled with art of all kinds. You will find art created by the children of the FPELC, local artists, and friends of FPELC.



Come out and enjoy the live auction excitement, silent auction drama, great raffle and auction items including and a limited raffle for a Big Green Egg, refreshments, and fun! Be sure to mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this event!

Tickets are \$15 or 2 for \$25 and may be purchased at the church office or at the door.

#### Sandy's Dog Park - Save the Date!

After a long delay, the dog park is again underway. If you are a dog owner or a lover of dogs, please help create this park. It will be located at Chimney Park and will be a separate section where your dog can run free! There will be a work day on Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 a.m. It will be in memory of Sandy Elder, who was a member of FPC. If you have questions you may speak with Jean or Jim Elder or follow it on the Chimney Park website or Facebook page. Monetary donations will also be welcomed.

#### Check Your Directory Listing! We will soon print a new one, so please do your part so it will be an accurate directory.

There is a directory printed out in the narthex on the round table. Please check your listing. Add or correct where needed. If you are new and there is not a listing, please sign the list on the clipboard with your full information (address, phones, emails, etc.).

### 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 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

March suggested donations are:  
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 Usher Chair:**  
Tom Stillerman

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

#### Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton  
Jake McCarthy  
Koen Ardis

#### Class of 2018

Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

#### Class of 2019

Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.  
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth  
and Children's Ministry

Peni Kehoe  
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer  
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Shaun and Aubrey Evans

Nursery

Kara Sugg

Director of the  
Early Learning Center



## Second Sunday in Lent Celebrating the Gifts of Women

March 12, 2017

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

*Introduction and Allegro*  
Alice Walker, organ  
*Reflections on 'Kelvingrove'*  
Handbell Choir

William Walond

arr. Jason Krug

#### INTROIT

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*  
Women's Choir

Lanny Wolfe, arr. W. Elmer Mercer

#### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the unique gifts that God has given to each woman, each man, every girl and boy.

**Let us together, women and men, young and old, give thanks for the call of Christ to follow him into a broken world to lead the church into making all things new.**

Let us sing praises to our God that we can claim the amazing gifts of the Spirit with which we have been equipped for service and leadership—gifts of peacemaking, compassion, perseverance, unity and love—and use them for the sake of all God's children.

**Let us worship God with great joy, gratitude and expectation!**

✠HYMN (insert) *Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord* COLUMBIA

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

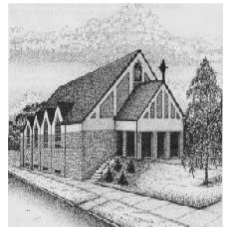
I Timothy 1:14-15

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into this world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and merciful God, you created each of us in your own image to live in community. You graced us generously with the gifts of apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. You equipped all of us, women and men alike, for the work of ministry. Yet too often we tarnish your image, waste our gifts, refuse to accept your call to service and fail to live at peace with our neighbors. O, God, in the name of Christ, help us to turn to you to shape us as you intended when you created us. Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us to continue our journey and complete the task of shaping the Christian community as one people of God. We trust that all things are possible through you. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 3

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

Words and Music by C. Austin Miles 1868-1946  
Arranged by Greg Skipper and Russell Mauldin  
*A New Name in Glory* Women's Choir

*I was once a sinner, but I came pardon to receive from my Lord: This was freely given, and I found that He always kept His word, There's a new name written down in glory. And it's mine, oh, yes, it's mine! And the white-robed angels sing the story, "A sinner has come home." With my sins forgiven I am bound for heaven, nevermore to roam. I was humbly kneeling at the cross, fearing naught but God's angry frown; when the heavens opened and I saw that my name was written down. In the book 'tis written, "Saved by grace." Oh, the joy that came to my soul! Now I am forgiven and I know by the blood I am made whole.*

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Darcel Tabb

*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.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk  
*A Tale of Two Tales*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ✦ HYMN 716

BEACH SPRING

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

## OFFERTORY

Timothy Albrecht

*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

### ✦ 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.***

### ✦ LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

O God, for your church, which throughout the ages has called women to serve in this world that you love,

**we thank you.**

For Mary of Bethany, who showed us how to listen and learn,  
**we thank you.**

For Martha, who served others with loving care,

**we thank you.**

For Priscilla and Lydia and other courageous leaders of the early church,

**we give you praise.**

For women like Katharine Bennett and Margaret Hodge, who led the movement for full equality among women in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,

**we thank you.**

For the life and creative leadership of Sarah E. Dickson, the first woman ordained as an elder in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,

**we thank you.**

For the ministry of women elders who joyfully accepted their new responsibilities with diligence,

**we thank you and we celebrate their lives and their commitment to the ministry of the whole church.**

**Together, may we move forward with men and women as fully equal partners in the ministry of Christ to which you call us all. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### ✦ HYMN 324 (see insert)

AURELIA (tune from Hymn 321)

*For All the Faithful Women*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Jill Jackson and Cy Miller

*Let there be Peace on Earth*

Women's Choir

### ✦ POSTLUDE

*Carillon-Sortie*

Henri Mulet

✦ Please stand if you are able.



### Worship Notes

✦ **Worship Leaders:** Stephanie Fortson, Diane Loebler, Darcel Tabb, Janet Carmichael, Louly Hay, Cheryl Meichsner, Stephanie Scarborough, Jan Giles, Jeanie Liem, Sherri Bolton.

✦ 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).

**Dr. Leanne Van Dyk** is the President and Professor of Theology at Columba Theological Seminary. She accepted this new call in the spring of 2015 and now serves as the tenth president of the seminary. Formerly, she was the Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Reformed Theology at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. She is a graduate of Calvin College, Western Michigan University, Calvin Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Her first call to theological education teaching was to San Francisco Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. She is the author of *Believing in Jesus Christ* (Geneva Press) and *A More Profound Alleluia; Theology and Worship in Harmony* (Eerdmans). Her main interests in theology include worship and sacraments. She also enjoys cooking, reading, bicycling, and coffee shops.



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