

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 17 Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Youth Attend "The Wiz"	Thursday, March 21 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 19 4:00 Exercise class	Friday, March 22 6:30pm Spring Family Festival
Wednesday, March 20 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Saturday, March 23 Supper Club Groups
	Sunday, March 24 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Women's Day Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, April 7, a service in Recognition of the Women of First Presbyterian Church. All women of First Presbyterian Church are invited to sing in a Women's Choir under the direction of Janet Carmichael. **Rehearsals will be Sunday, March 24 and on Sunday, March 31**, immediately following worship in the Choir Room. Also the Women's Choir will rehearse at 10:40am sharp in the Choir Room on the day of service (April 7).

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.

- Judas — March 10
- Caiaphas — March 17
- Pontius Pilate — March 24
- the Trial & Crucifixion of Christ — March 31
- Jesus of Nazareth — April 14, Palm Sunday

Lenten Sunday School Study

Sundays during Lent at 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."

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!

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) and clicking on "Media."



Food Pantry Needs

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

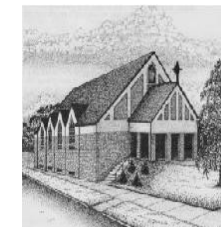
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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.
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Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Peter Niedmann

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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

Listen for the word of the Lord.
Our wisdom is the way of the cross.
Enter into God's house with praise.
Our temple is the body of Christ.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 624

TOULON

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, in Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and set free! 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 Victor C. Johnson
I Saw the Cross of Jesus

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin; I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within; I brought my soul to Jesus, he cleansed it in his blood; and in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God. I found my peace with God. I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am—a poor and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb; no righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead; yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read, my title there I read. I trust the cross of Jesus, in ev'ry trying hour, my sure and certain refuge, my never failing tow'r; in ev'ry fear and conflict, I more than conqu'e'r am; living, I'm safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died. My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. I saw the cross of Jesus, the wondrous cross!

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 26:57-68, 27:1-2 (p.31 NT)

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 215 WONDROUS 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 Emma Lou Diemer
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (QUEBEC)

✦ 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
Our Lord and our God, accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

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 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Matthew Corl

✦ Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- ✦ **Doug Bolton 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Joe Schell-heart surgery (father of Krissy Jones)
- ✦ 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 Wilson)
- ✦ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnutt)
- ✦ 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)

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 celebrate the birth of **Zaylann Burttts**, son of Antonio Burttts, grandson of Janet Burttts, and great-grandson of **Bill & Diane Loeble**.

✦ 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."

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Bailey

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
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