

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, March 3 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper</p> <p>Tuesday, March 5 Circles—see below 4:00 Exercise class</p> <p>Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Worship at First United Methodist Church</p>	<p>Thursday, March 7 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9 Session Meeting and Retreat</p> <p>Sunday, March 10 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p>
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Circles for **March**:

Elizabeth Ann Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 5th at 10 a.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

Martha Circle will meet on March 5th, 10:30 am at the home of at the home of Jean Blair. Sherri Bolton will lead our Study Lesson.

Ruth Circle will meet March 5th, 7:00 pm. at the home of Penny Blakeney.

Ash Wednesday Community Worship

Wednesday, March 6th @ 7:00pm at FUMC

We will commemorate Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent - with our neighbors at First United Methodist Church, 1113 Conyers Street. The imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality.



Community Announcement:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which is held to benefit community outreach, will be **Tuesday, March 5, 5:00-7:30 pm**. Cost: Adults: \$5.00 / Children ages 4-12: \$4.00, under 4 years: free! ALL YOU CAN EAT - pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages! Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 4140 Clark St. (near Clark's Grove)



Set your clocks ahead next Saturday before you retire for the evening. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am Sunday!

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) 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

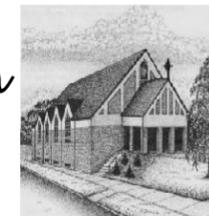
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes 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 Mindy Forehand	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Interim Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



The Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

William Owen

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

All of us, with unveiled faces
are being transformed
from one degree of glory to another;
this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 191

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

BREWER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not always loved as you command. We do not always speak truth. We do not always care for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, let us not lose heart. God's forgiving love enables us to move from one degree of hope to the next.

This is certainly good news for us. Now, with God's hope in us, we can go to share God's glory and grace with those around us. Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦ RESPONSE

Hymn 137, verse 1 only
He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

HE CAME DOWN

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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

2nd Corinthians 3:12-18 (p.180 NT)

Luke 9:28-36 (p.69 NT)

SERMON

The Rev. Steven Barnes

From One Degree to Another

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* Bach/Leatherman

✦ 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

Wonderful God, we pray you would use these gifts we offer as opportunities for healing and hope, not only here in the places where we live, but throughout your whole world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

p.35 in hymnal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the church.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

✦ 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 *Carillon Cortège* J. Wayne Kerr

✦ Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- ✦ Michael Thompson 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.
- ✦ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Ashley Wheeler - surgery 3/18 (granddaughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
 † Dick Wilson-biopsy for 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)

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Robert Sewell** who died in an automobile accident last week. Robert was a Rockdale fire-fighter and a talented musician who shared his gifts with us over the years.

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

✦ Pastor Nominating Committee-please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.



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

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."