

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, May 12**  
**Happy Mother's Day**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service & Baptisms

**Tuesday, May 14**  
 8:15 Ambassador Choir to Rockdale Baptist Song Fest  
 4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, May 15**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, May 16**  
 No Ambassador Choir

**Saturday, May 18**  
 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study

**Sunday, May 19**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 3:00 Piano Concert at FPC-details in newsletter and e-news



Through May 19th, Pastor Steven will facilitate a **Sunday School series** on the "Trinity," an often misunderstood but beautiful part of our theology and beliefs as Presbyterian-flavored Christians. This won't be totally lecture-based as interaction and discussion involving hymns, creeds, scriptures, and more will be shared and enjoyed!

**Men's Breakfast Study Group** meets Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 am. Bring your breakfast and a friend to the fellowship hall.

On **Sunday, May 19, 2019** at 3:00 p.m., we will host a **Voice & Duo Piano Concert**. The performers will include: Florence Peacock (Soprano) and Covington's own identical twins duo-pianists, Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey.

**Fourth Annual Lake Jackson Ski Camp for Thornwell Homes**  
 We have 2 groups of cottages coming to Lake Jackson this summer for fun in the sun. All groups will be here Monday through Thursday. We absolutely cannot pull this off without our village of cooks. I hope some or all of you are up for the challenge and joy of feeding hungry 15-20 kids and adults again in 2019. 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](mailto:sboteler@mindspring.com). Home 770-698-0750 and cell 404-234-4113. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you!

Here are the dates and who's coming:

**June 17 – 20 - Berkele – middle/high school girls**  
**July 29- Aug 1 – TPH – high school boys**

### Pastor Nominating Committee Update:

As we move onto the next phase of the search process, we are seeking members of the congregation to sign up for Listening Sessions that will help us hear more from you and delve deeper into the results from the Congregational Assessment Tool!

Session #1: Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm  
 Session #2: Thursday, May 23rd at 3:30pm  
 Session #3: Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm

If you are interested, **sign-ups will open after worship today**. There will be limited availability for these sessions so be sure to sign up!

## 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:

**May: meals with meat**

**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

**May**  
 John McCarthy

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



The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 May 12, 2019



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Christ Is Alive!* Michael Bedford

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

It is tempting to believe that the past will haunt our future, **but Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

It is tempting to believe that our mistakes spoil our potential, **but Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

It is tempting to believe that we are defined by the worst thing we have ever done, **but Christ is risen, and the tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

✦ HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our God, we are a people in need of your grace, for in zeal we have condemned others and in cowardice we have denied you. Forgive us for our sins, for our failure to love you fully, and for our failure to care for your people and creation as we should. Heal us, we pray, and restore us to life, that we may again know joy and favor in your presence; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, joy comes to us this very moment and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyful and forgiven hearts.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Let us sing songs of joy for all the blessings God has given to us. Let us offer our hearts and hands in love and service to others. 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 *Feed My Lambs* music: Natalie Sleeth; arr. Tom Fettke

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my name lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Prayer and Baptism

Welcome

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30 (p.505 OT)  
John 21:1-19 (p.115 NT)

## SERMON

The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*The Resurrection Means ...*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

## ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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

Christopher Tambling

*Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts*

### ✦ 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

**Our Lord and our God, may the gifts we offer this day bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless, help feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger, and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### ✦ HYMN 265

DUKE STREET

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

### ✦ 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

*Triumphal March*

David Blackwell

✦ Please stand if able.



We welcome into the household of God by Baptism, **Virginia Maie Martin**, daughter of Laura and Alex Martin, and **Evelyn Elizabeth Pope**, daughter of Elizabeth and Andrew Pope. Both children are the grandchildren of Chris and Barbara Martin.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Alice Walker by her sons, Nat Allen Long and Harrison Long.



Please mark your calendars for the Farewell Lunch for **Dan Walden** to be held on Pentecost Sunday, **June 9th**. Reservation forms will be in the bulletin next Sunday.

## Worship Notes

- ✦ **Warrem Liem and Cindy Moon** are 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

- ✦ Danielle Schubert-home recovering from surgery
- ✦ Agnes Campbell-Piedmont Newton
- ✦ Amanda Hilton-complications from surgery (niece of Susan & Gary Boteler)
- ✦ Bill Cobham-home
- ✦ Ruth McDaniel-home
- ✦ Pat Crutchfield-stage 4 cancer (by Sherry Brasher)
- ✦ Brantley Howell-infection (grandson of Brenda Howell)
- ✦ Sandy Peterson-health issues
- ✦ Doug Firkus-home (uncle of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ Marylynne Knuth-home (grandmother of Krista Firkus)
- ✦ 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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Nancy Clark Johnson** who died this week in Conyers. Nancy is a friend of Pam & Jim Stillerman.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers for **Jean Blair** and her family in the death of her mother, **Peggy Spears**.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Betty Bailey



**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.  
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or call the church office,  
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