

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, May 26**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

**Monday, May 27**  
 Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 28**  
 4:00 Exercise class  
 1:00 Novel Bunch Book Club  
 Home of Cindy and Joe Moon

**Wednesday, May 29**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, May 30**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, June 2**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

**The Novel Bunch book club** meets Tuesday, May 28th at 1:00 pm. at the home of Joe and Cindy Moon to discuss "Here is Where: Discovering America's Great Forgotten History" by Andrew Carroll. The book club will not meet in June or July but will resume on August 27th to discuss Stephen King's 11.22.63. Meeting location will be announced later.

**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**

The church will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, July 3 from 2-7 pm. Volunteers who wish to assist are asked to contact Doug Bolton, 678-858-2080. Training for volunteers is Monday, June 3 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Invitation to All Women of FPC:** UNITE! For a strong church, we need a strong group of women. Whether you are a circle member or not, please join us on **June 4th, at 6:00 pm** to greet old friends and to make new ones. Cindy Webb (from Town Center Olive Oil) and helpers will present a dinner of salmon or chicken, rice, salads, rolls, and a surprise dessert. Donations will be appreciated for this catered meal. A special invitation goes to our younger women. We mature gals need you for support and energy. It would be SUPERIOR if a large group would gather for the festivities. **Reservations are necessary.** Please call the church office or fill in a form and place in the offering plate.

**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

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| <b>May</b><br>John McCarthy | <b>Sound Engineer:</b><br>Ken Walker |
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### MEMBERS OF SESSION

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| <b>Class of 2019</b><br>Carter Gibson<br>Jay Lanners<br>John McCarthy<br>Cheryl Meichsner<br>Miriam Wheeler<br>Allie Hay | <b>Class of 2020</b><br>Doug Bolton<br>Stan Hall<br>Cindy Moon<br>Bob Tabb<br>Michael Thompson | <b>Class of 2021</b><br>Warren Liem<br>Pam Stillerman<br>Donna Weesner<br>Cy Wolverton |
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

### Order of Worship

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* David Cherwien

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

God is making all things new.  
**The thirsty receive the water of life.**  
 Jesus has given us a new commandment.  
**We will love one another as Christ loved us.**  
 Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

#### ✦ HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to fullness of life for all creation; through Jesus Christ our living Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, God's promises are trustworthy and true — our sins are indeed forgiven. Let us be at peace to serve the Lord, and may we always be known by our love.  
**We will show others who we are — and Whose we are — by the loved poured out by our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

Charles Wesley arr. Bob Wright

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name. Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me. Sing alleluia, sing now 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 READINGS

Revelation 21:1-6 (p.259 NT)  
Acts 11:1-18 (p.130 NT)

### SERMON

The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*God Makes All Things New*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

♣ 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.**

Prayer  
Welcome

### 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

William Bradbury

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

♣ 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

**Loving God, you bless us in so many ways and with so many gifts. As we praise you, may we offer our gifts so those who have so little may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### HYMN 372

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*O for a World*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

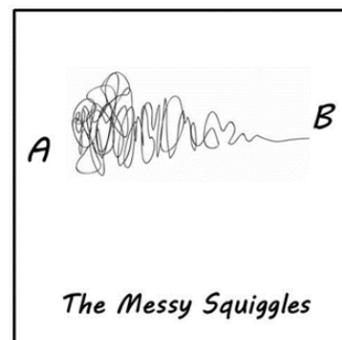
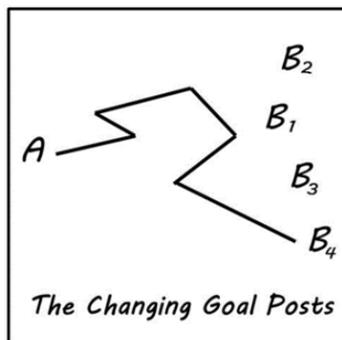
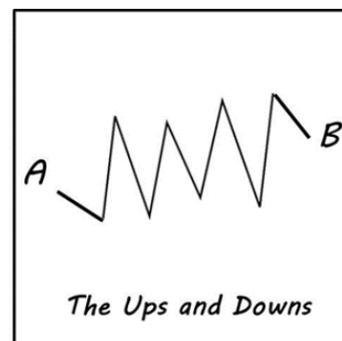
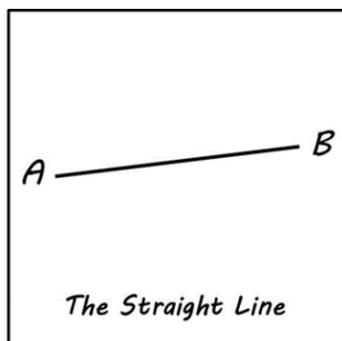
♣ RESPONSE 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

### POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

*Sinfonia from "Wir Danken Dir, Gott"*

♣ Please stand if able.



## Worship Notes

- ♣ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is assisting in 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-home
- ♣ 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
- ♣ 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

### Hospital Visitors:

Beth and Danny Vining

♣ 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."*

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