

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 10
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Youth & Parents Lunch

Tuesday, November 12
 9:00 Presbytery at Eastminster PC
 4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, November 13
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 14
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
 4:00 Finance Team Meeting

Sunday, November 17
Thornwell Homes Offering
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Congregational Meeting
 12:00 Session Meeting

Stewardship Commitment Stretch just a little bit!



"Commitment Sunday" for the fall stewardship campaign has passed, but there is still time for you to make your commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure for 2020. The Session will soon prepare the budget for 2020 and needs everyone's commitment to make a healthy budget for the new year! You may mail your card to the church or put it in the offering plate. If you forgot your card or didn't receive one, there are extra copies on the round table in the narthex.



There will be a **Youth and Parent Meeting** today, immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. It's for all youth and their parents. Speak with Kimmy Briggs, Director of Family Ministries, for further information.

"The most beautiful way to start and end the day is with a grateful heart"

Thankful



2019 has been an exciting and challenging year here at First Presbyterian. We have welcomed new ministers and members and we have started new programs like Family Promise! Congregational Life and Care would like to invite you to our **"Thankful Breakfast"** on Sunday, **November 24th at 9:45 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a special breakfast and time of fellowship and thanks for 2019.

Blood Drive—Mark Your Calendar



FPC will host a blood drive on **Wednesday, November 27th** from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed from 1:00 to 7:30pm. Contact Doug Bolton at dougbolton@yahoo.com or by cell at (678)858-2080 to volunteer or get more information.

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 a pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may read or 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:

November: cookies, bread & rolls

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

November Usher Chair
 Pam Stillerman

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
 Kimmy Briggs

Interim Pastor
Director of
Family Ministries
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

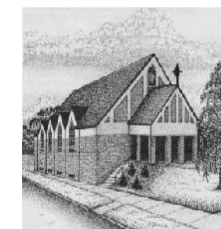
Peni Kehoe
 Krista Firkus

Alice Walker
 Jenny Giles and Jade Roy
 Darlene Alley

CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Nursery
Director of the
Early Learning Center



Twenty-second
 Sunday
 after Pentecost
 November 10, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Allegretto* Dale Wood

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God who calls out to us!
Let us worship the God who knows each of us by name!
 Let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!
Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!
 Let us worship God in this place.
Let us worship God together!

HYMN 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. We pray through Christ our Lord... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: though our sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow. For the Lord has promised to forgive all, and to surround with steadfast love everyone who trusts in God.
In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

Hymn 71, refrain FIRST SONG
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come, Ye Sinners* arr. David Ashley White
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry you'll never come at all. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh there are ten thousand charms. I will arise, I will arise! Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh there are ten thousand charms.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-10 (p.82 NT)

SERMON *An Invitation* The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦HYMN 698 *Take, O Take Me As I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM

♦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the *PCUSA Study Catechism, Question 3*

Q: How do you live for the love of God?

A: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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 *Faith of Our Fathers* Dennis F. Johnson

♦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

Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? When we least deserved it, you came and found us. And, like Zacchaeus we know that God's love can work through us transforming and enabling us to live in God's way. We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves and our world for the good of all. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♦HYMN 726 *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

♦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 LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

♦Please stand if able.



Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 17th

If the way be clear, there will be a meeting to elect elders for the Session Class of 2022 on November 17th, at the conclusion of the worship Service. All members are asked to stay and vote for the proposed slate of nominees.

Worship Notes

- ♦Warren Liem 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.
- ♦Documents and 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

- ♦Denise & Phil Vining-Kidney transplant, Denise is receiving a kidney from her husband, Phil, on 11/21 at Emory (he is Danny & Beth Vining's nephew)
 - ♦Julia Jones-cancer treatment (friend of the Carmichaels and Boltsons)
 - ♦Bill Cobham-home
 - ♦Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
 - ♦Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
 - ♦Jane Watson-kidney problems, shingles, blood cancer (sister-in-law of Curtis Watson)
 - ♦Glenn Watson-dementia, failing health (brother of Curtis Watson)
 - ♦Susie Shiver-Piedmont Atlanta, shingles on the brain (friend of Betty Bailey)
 - ♦Ronnie Patrick-cancer free! (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
 - ♦Sharon Beasley Strickland-tests for oral cancer (classmate of Jeff MacKenzie)
 - ♦Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
 - ♦Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
 - ♦Warren Liem-health concerns
 - ♦Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
 - ♦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
 - ♦Gene Stillwell-skin cancer surgery (cousin of Mary Ann Boyer)
 - ♦Jessica Couture-skin cancer surgery (daughter of Del & Mary Ann Boyer)
 - ♦Larry Kennon-recovering from shoulder surgery
 - ♦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
 - ♦Ellen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
 - ♦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
 - ♦Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
 - ♦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
 - ♦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
 - ♦Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
 - ♦Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**
- ♦Julia Brubaker-Benton House
 - ♦Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks
- Merryvale:**
- ♦Patti & Homer Borders
 - ♦Dot Fincher
 - ♦Guy McGiboney
 - ♦Betty Robinson
 - ♦Louise White
 - ♦Alice Gadilhe
 - ♦Roger Wallace
 - ♦Jerry McGaffney
- Home:**
- ♦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
 - ♦Debi (Dee) Selin
 - ♦Penny Blakeney

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Jennifer Mask** in the death of her mother, **Judy Mask**, who died last week. The Masks were former members of FPC.

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Bailey

♦Pastor Nominating Committee-please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of



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.
Email: admin@fpccov.org or call the church office, 770-786-7321