

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, November 17**  
**Thornwell Homes Offering**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 Congregational Meeting  
 12:00 Session Meeting  
**Tuesday, November 19**  
 4:00 Exercise class  
**Wednesday, November 20**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, November 21**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir  
**Sunday, November 24**  
**Thornwell Homes Offering**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:45 Thanksgiving Breakfast  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 12:00 Youth Trip to Human Origins  
 Exhibit at Columbia Seminary

### 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.

### "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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed from 1:00 to 7:30pm. Contact Doug Bolton at [dougbolton@yahoo.com](mailto:dougbolton@yahoo.com) or by cell at (678) 858-2080 to volunteer or get more information.

The **Early Learning Center** will have a float in the Covington **Christmas Parade**. Our Christmas parade float theme is "The Polar Express," and we will have a "train" full of kids in Christmas pajamas and will hand out packets of hot cocoa mix. We are asking for donations of **boxes of hot chocolate in individual servings**. Donations are needed by December 2nd. There will be a collection box in the narthex. Thanks!



## 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](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:

**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-third  
 Sunday  
 after Pentecost  
 November 17, 2019



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Karrin Ford

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one,  
**Just as he and the Father are one.**

Today we offer our praise and prayer together,  
**As one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Praise the Lord!

**Together, let us worship God!**

✦HYMN 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ our living Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ. Indeed, in Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! May we be united in our common purpose of spreading Christ's love to the world. 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 *We Thank Thee, Lord* arr. Peter D. Tkach

*We thank Thee, Lord, we bow before Thy sacred Throne to praise Thee for Thy love so kind and true; For Thou hast heard our pray'r; When we call on Thee, Thine answer speaks with courage to inspire our soul! Although we must walk through trouble, Yea, Thou wilt protect us and Thy right hand will guide us. O Eternal Lord, intervene on our behalf; Thy great goodness never fails. We thank Thee, Lord, we bow before Thy sacred Throne, to praise Thee for Thy love so true. We thank Thee, Lord.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 122 (p.571 OT)  
Ephesians 4:1-6 (p.193 NT)

SERMON *Bound Firmly Together* The Rev. Steven Barnes

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♣HYMN 300 WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT  
*We Are One in the Spirit*

♣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 *God's Love Is Always With Us* Bill D. Digger  
Handbell Choir

♣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

**Astounding Spirit, you have showered your gifts upon us. Now we offer you our lives—to be transformed, made new, and given in love for the world; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♣HYMN 722 CANONBURY  
*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

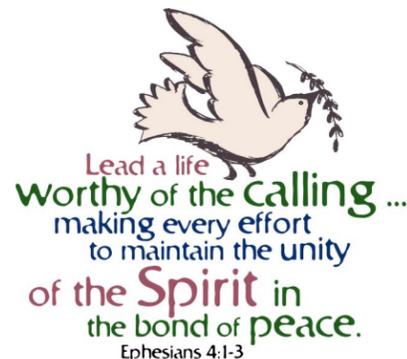
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

♣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 *The God of Abraham Praise* Hebrew Melody

♣Please stand if able.



### Congregational Meeting Today

We are meeting to elect elders for the Session Class of 2022 at the conclusion of the worship Service. All members are asked to stay and vote for the proposed slate of nominees.

### Sustainable Newton: 24 hours of Reality

Join Sustainable Newton for a presentation and conversation about climate change in conjunction with The Climate Reality Project's *24 Hours of Reality: Truth in Action*. One Tree Planted will plant a tree for every person who attends a presentation. Learn more at: [www.sustainablenewton.org](http://www.sustainablenewton.org).

**The presentation will be held at the Newton County library on Floyd street on Thursday, November 21, from 6:00-7:00 pm.**

## Worship Notes

♣Cindy Moon 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

♣Wilford Reed-daughter is car accident; brother with age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

♣Ronnie Patrick-cancer free! (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)

♣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 Boltions)

♣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)

♣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 the family of **Pastor Carl Jones** who preached and spoke at FPC a number of times through the years. He helped found The Community Food Pantry and served on numerous boards including NC Habitat for Humanity and FaithWorks.

**Hospital Visitors:**

Bob & Darcel Tabb

♣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.  
Email: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org)  
or call the church office, 770-786-7321