

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 18

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, November 20

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 21

12:00-Food Prep for Thanksgiving Dinner at Theme School
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving

11:00-2:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Theme School
FPC Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection



WHAT'S YOUR PIECE OF THE PIE?

Have you made your Commitment for 2019? We have extra pledge cards in the narthex on the ushers' table if you missed the ingathering last Sunday. Just place your completed card in the offering plate.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner The Newton Ministers' Union sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community. You will find a list of needs and how to make donations inserted in the bulletin. Donations need to be in today. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Day Dinner at FPC Thursday, November 22nd

We will be cooking Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 22, at the church for those in our congregation who are alone on the holiday. There are many of us who are out of town transplants and do not have family near by or have small families and may want the enjoyment of a large group at Thanksgiving. We have decided to come together and be that group for each other this year. RSVP to Caryn Thompson or Michael Thompson by Sunday 11/18 so that we can prepare enough food. You can bring a side to share or a dessert, but it is not required to attend. If transportation is a challenge, but you would still like to attend, let us know in advance and we will try our best to make arrangements so you don't miss out on the holiday festivities.

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carynemilie@gmail.com

Michael: 518-577-8691
mkthompson96@gmail.com

A Novel Bunch book club will meet at the home of Carol McGiboney on November 27th at 1:00 pm to discuss **Jayber Crow** by Wendall Berry. All are welcome!

A Different Life Would you be interested in participating in a group called "A Different Life"? Many of us are facing change and transition in our lives: widows, widowers, loss of a loved one through death or even distance, change or loss of employment (even retirement), caregivers and others facing a different life than what they've known in the past. It would be informal, simply time together to get to know one another and talk, sharing moments we'll have for caring and support. If you are interested, please contact Anne Savage at 770-786-8058.



Please recycle your bulletin in the basket by the front doors!

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:

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
Miriam Wheeler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman
Koen Ardis
Sophia Hawley

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

Class of 2020
Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Michael Thompson

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>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



Twenty-sixth
Sunday after
Pentecost

November 18, 2018



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE 10:30-String Quartet Opus 29 Franz Schubert
10:50-Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Mvt. 1 J. S. Bach
Oxford Chamber Ensemble, Dr. Maria Archetto, Director
Joyous Fanfare (Nicaea/Hymn to Joy) Dykes/Beethoven
Alice Walker, organ

INTROIT *Glory Be to You*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when she of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I rescue them.

The Lord will feed them with good pasture, and they shall lie down in good grazing land.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord. I will seek the lost and I will feed them with justice.

The Lord is our shepherd.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we have faith, but we are often harassed by doubt. While you welcome the alien and stranger, we are distant and uncaring. We want to love our neighbor, but in our busy world we focus on our own needs. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the love of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put him to death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We rejoice in the love of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DOVE OF PEACE

Hymn 515, stanza 1

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Spin the Wheel Toward Heaven* Pepper Choplin

*Spin the wheel, spin the wheel toward heaven.
Many a mile I've already come,
Spin the wheel, spin the wheel, my Lord.
Few more miles and I will be home.
Few more miles, just a few more miles.
Sometimes my road seems all uphill,
My body gets tired and I've had my fill of life.
My faith will make me strong.
Through the power of hope, I will press on.
When the road's downhill, I'm spinning free.
I thank the Lord for blessing me.
I know these blessings are just a taste
Of the heavenly prize we'll receive one day.
Spin the wheel, gotta keep on spinning
Spin the wheel, spin the wheel,
'Til I reach my heavenly home.
Spin the wheel to my heavenly home.*

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-6, 11-18 (p.103 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Stuart Leyden
Why We Call Our Shepherd "Good"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SONG *The Ninety and Nine* (words on the insert)
Alexis Ward, solo Alice Walker, piano

✦ 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 *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach
Sidney Chung

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 620, stanza 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we are thankful that you have gathered your flock together this morning. We rejoice that you have found us and love each one as your very own. Grant that these gifts which we offer will be used so that others may hear the loving voice of the Good Shepherd, and respond so that they may find healing for body and soul. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 826 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Please stand if able.

Dr. Stuart Leyden is a retired pastor in our presbytery. He has degrees from Wheaton College, Edinburgh University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Temple University. His last full-time pastorate was in Roseville, California, which for a while hosted Russian Pentecostals on Sunday afternoons. In retirement he taught Religion as an adjunct at a branch of the University of South Carolina. He and wife Donna have 12 grandchildren in 5 different states. He has also authored a book of sermons called "A Sermon Safari."

We cordially welcome to our service this morning **The Oxford Chamber Ensemble**, under the direction of Dr. Maria Archetto, Associate Professor of Music at Oxford College. Dr. Archetto is a graduate of Rhode Island College and has M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Eastman School of Music at University of Rochester. At Oxford College, Dr. Archetto teaches courses in Music Appreciation, Music History, and Music Theory. Dr. Archetto also is the Director of the Oxford Chorale and is Editor of two volumes of Madrigals by the Paduan composer Francesco Portinaro.

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)
† Eleanor Scarborough-recovering from shoulder surgery
† Judith Barton-home (Perri Walden's mom)
† Guy Tittle-fall (Loucy Hay's father)
† Roger Gossage-traveling for medical assessment
† Warren Liem-home
† Emma Bowen-Piedmont Newton (sister of Debbie Gossage)
† William Hessler-health issues & his wife Mary Alice, (Warren Liem's cousin)
† Vanessa Carmichael-hip-replacement surgery at the Anderson Ortho. Clinic in Virginia on 10/31 (daughter of Janet & Patrick Carmichael)
† Howard Barton-hospice (step-father of Perri Walden)
† Paige Carmichael-recovering from neck surgery (daughter of Patrick & Janet Carmichael)
† Pat Musarra-stroke (mother of Danielle Schubert)
† William Reavis-home (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)
† Florine DeConinck-recovering from surgery
† Agnes Campbell-Rehab at Riverside, Room 115
† Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)
† Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter)
† Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
† Russell Loveland-stroke (father of Caryn Thompson)
† Caleb Thompson-undiagnosed illness (son of Michael Thompson)
† Matt Cooper - CPD officer at Shepherd Center
† Mark Fogarty-cancer
† Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
† Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)
† Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
† Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grand-son of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)

† Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
† Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
† Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)
† Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
† 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
† Jim Elder-The Oaks
† Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Merryvale:

† Guy McGiboney
† Betty Robinson
† Louise White
† Alice Gadilhe
† Patricia McGuire
† Roger Wallace

Home:

† Roger Gossage-dialysis
† Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
† Debi (Dee) Selin

Peace Corps Volunteer

† Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia
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Please update your prayer requests this week!

Names will be left on for one month unless updated.

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