

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 19
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Food Pantry Benefit Lunch

Tuesday, November 21
 4:00 Exercise Class
 7:00 Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist

Thursday, November 23
 Happy Thanksgiving!
 4:00 FPC Thanksgiving Dinner
 Friday-Office Closed

Sunday, November 26
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service



Stewardship: If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2018, please do so soon. The Session and Finance Team will be working on the budget for next year and need your help to set a reasonable budget.

Signing the talent portion of the card is important, too. The time you give to the church to help with programs is invaluable in offering them to the congregation. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex if needed.

Food Pantry Benefit Luncheon Today after the worship service will be a benefit lunch for the Community Food Pantry. This is a day set by the PC(USA) to shine a light on the problem of hunger and homelessness. The "price" for lunch is 3 staple food items per person, or a cash donation that approximates those items. The menu is: lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert.



Santa Express: items are due today.

If you have questions, call Jeanie Liem, 770-787-7530.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service: This year's host for the Thanksgiving service is First United Methodist Church. The service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21.

FPC Congregational Family Dinner. We will be cooking Thanksgiving Dinner 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 might 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 (carynemilie@gmail.com) or Michael Thompson (mkthompson96@gmail.com) by Sunday 11/19 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.

**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.
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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 - 1:30 (**New hours**). Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

November suggested donations are: cookies, bread and rolls

Baby Love: This 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
 Stephanie Scarborough



Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
 Adriane Ivey
 Michael Thompson
 Danny Vining
 Jean Wolverton
 Jake McCarthy
 Koen Ardis

Class of 2018
 Gary Boteler
 Billy Fortson
 Scarlett McCurry
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Tom Stillerman

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Jim Patrick	<i>Interim Choir Director</i>		



*Twenty-fourth Sunday
 after Pentecost*
November 19, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude in F Major</i>	J. S. Bach
	<i>Improvisation on NEW BRITAIN</i>	Trey Clegg
	<i>Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	David Cherwien
INTROIT	<i>Give Thanks</i>	Henry Smith
	Sanctuary Choir	

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 146:1, 5-7, 10

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.
 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.
Whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps faith for ever.
Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
 The Lord will reign forever!
Praise the Lord!

✦ **HYMN 367** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 415, stanza 1
 solo: (all join for the refrain in bold-next page)
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

✦All:
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Old Time Religion Medley* Mark Hayes
 Sanctuary Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 58:6-11
 Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON *When Did We See You?* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 757 KINGSFOLD
Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
God sends us to exercise compassion. In his concern for justice in the social order God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.

We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;

to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *We Gather Together* Neil Harmon

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 1
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in this moment draw us to yourself and make us aware not so much of what we've given as of all that we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

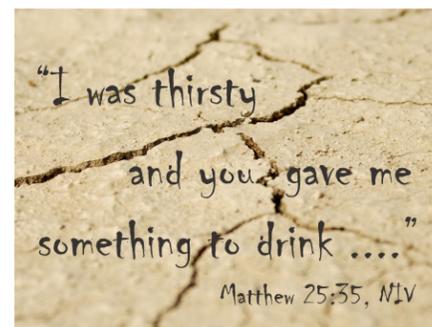
✦HYMN 643 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise
 Sanctuary Choir

✦POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out with Joy!* Douglas E. Wagner

✦Please stand if you are able.



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.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Adriane Ivey-surgery Nov. 17, Emory
 †Pat Patrick-home
 †Steve Bozarth-ill (father of Debra Arnold)
 †Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
 †Tim McNally-post-surgery & treatment for lymphoma (nephew of Beth & Danny Vining)
 †Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)
 †Rick Gunter-Manchester Court, Conyers
 †Nat Allen Long-foot amputation (step-son of Alice Walker)
 †Louise Strickland-home
 †Katherine Bouchillon-heart problems (friend of Maxine Blankenship)
 †George Stamps-Riverside
 †Pat Harper-heart surgery, home
 †Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,
 †David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)
 †Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home
 †Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy
 †Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
 †Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
 †Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
 †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
 †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
 †Teresa McCurry--tests
 †Chuck Hodges--treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA
 †Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
 †J. L. Johnson - fall, broken arm - Dogwood Forest, Alpharetta, GA
 †Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Riverside

†Martha Borders
 †Betty Goins

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney
 †Betty Robinson
 †Louise White

†Alice Gadilhe
 †Hughie Hudson

Home

†Jan Coulon
 †Debi (Dee) Selin--home

Peace Corps Volunteer

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia

Hospital Visitor:
 Sallie Paschal