

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Tuesday, November 26
 4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, November 27
 2:00-7:00 Blood Drive
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 28
Happy Thanksgiving
 Church Office Closed Thursday and Friday

Sunday, December 1, Advent 1
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Pie Day!

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.

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 doug-bolton@yahoo.com or by cell at (678)858-2080 to volunteer or get more information.

Thanksgiving Dinner with Family Promise

Michael and Caryn Thompson will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thursday, November 28**, at Epiphany Lutheran Church for Family Promise. If you are someone without family near by, you are welcome to join us. RSVP to [Caryn Thompson \(carynemilie@gmail.com\)](mailto:carynemilie@gmail.com) or [Michael Thompson \(mktompson96@gmail.com\)](mailto:mktompson96@gmail.com) by Sunday 11/24 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, let us know in advance and we will make arrangements.

Pie Day

There will be a "Pie Day" to celebrate all who have been supporting Family Promise by their gifts, volunteering or prayers. Everyone is invited to join the fun on **Sunday, December 1st**, after worship. To make the day especially fun and memorable there will be a chance for you to vote for one of our pastors, Steven or Kimmy, to have a pie-in-the-face. Votes will cost \$1 and the money will go to support Family Promise!

Christmas Parade

The **Early Learning Center** will have a float in the **Christmas Parade**. Our 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.

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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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

December Usher Chair
Jay Lanners & Bob Tabb

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	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	Jenny Giles and Jade Roy	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>		



Christ the King

November 24, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. John Purifoy
Meditation from "Thaís" Jules Massenet
 Dr. Arlene Woods, flute; Alice Walker, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, everything in heaven and on earth was created, the visible and the invisible.

Praise Christ, the king of all creation!

The Lord has visited and redeemed the people.

Praise Christ, the king of redemption!

The Lord is making peace and reconciling all things.

Praise Christ, the king of salvation!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit; be with us even now, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, all things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, and forgiveness is ours through faith in our Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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 *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary and Ambassador Choirs

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee. Amen!

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 46 (p.517 OT)
Luke 23:32-43 (p.89 NT)

SERMON *Hope and A Promise* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

✦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 *Made a Way* Travis Greene
Zay Lewis, solo

✦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
Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service, and may we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦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 *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach

✦Please stand if able.



Welcome Our Guest Musicians

We welcome to our service this morning Dr. Arlene Woods, Conductor/flute soloist and the following members of her Instrumental Ensemble: Jelon Dixon, clarinet; Kelly Dixon, trumpet; Mel Sampson, trumpet; Clayton Gilchrist, French horn; James Leonard, trombone; Charles Harris, Sr., baritone saxophone; Bob Ashmore, tuba; Charles Woods, percussion; Nicholas Warren, timpani.

Zay Lewis, a member of the Oxford Gospel Choir, is the soloist. Jim Patrick and Bill Cobham of FPC are playing trombone.

Worship Notes

- ✦**Bob Tabb** 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

- ✦Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦Denise & Phil Vining-Denise received a kidney from her husband, Phil (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

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