

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King

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

Tuesday, November 27

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 28

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

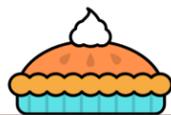
Friday, November 30

7:00 Christmas at Porter

Sunday, December 2

Advent 1

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion
3:00 Christmas at Porter
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.

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!

God Lifts the Lowly, an Advent Devotional booklet, is available on-line (see the weekly e-news). A few copies are available in the narthex for those who don't have access to the internet.

Christmas at Porter featuring the Oxford Youth Singers & Oxford Singing Children: Friday, November 30th @ 7:00pm and Sunday, December 2nd @ 3:00pm. Tickets are available online or at the Arts Association office.

Presbyterian 101 - Sundays, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th @ 10:00 am
Each year we offer a series of classes on "What it Means to Be a Presbyterian" for our newly elected class of elders as well as for anyone else who is interested in the theology (beliefs), polity (government), and history of the Presbyterian church. Classes will be taught by our pastor Steven Barnes. *Everyone is invited!*

Advent Lessons and Carols: The entire Covington/Newton community is invited to join us at **4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2** for a special worship service at the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal. On First Sunday of Advent, we'll kick off this festive time of year with Scripture readings and the classic hymns, carols, and anthems of longing and anticipation for God's dwelling among us, as we wait once again for the Christ child's coming. Come and enjoy worship with friends and neighbors, our choir, guest singers, and the bright sounds of the Gate City Brass. A dessert reception follows, where you can create a simple wreath for your family's Advent observance at home. Questions? 770-786-3278 or info@goodshepherdcovington.org See you Dec. 2, 4140 Clark St. SW, 30014!



Recycling Church Bulletins: Take your worship bulletin home, if you wish, or put it in the basket by the front doors so they can be recycled!

Thanks for being a Good Steward!

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
December
Tom Stillerman

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	Interim Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer		Nursery
Alexis Ward	Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center



Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Fanfare Festiva

Barbara Werner

Handbell Choir

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Will Stockton

Alice Walker, organ

INTROIT

Glory Be to You

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord God is our shepherd, a Savior who leads us.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

God has the mercy to relieve us, the grace to cleanse us, and the power to set us free!

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦ **HYMN 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we often fail to love and serve others when opportunities are given to us. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; for we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, Jesus himself bore our sins on the cross, so that, free from sin we might live for righteousness. For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are sought, we are found, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* John Behnke
Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs, Congregation

All:

***Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king though all eternity.***

Women:

***Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow
adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.***

*Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hand and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wondering eyes at mysteries so bright.*

Men:

***Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.***

All:

***Crown Him the Lord of heaven enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of
Love. Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him
fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king
of all.***

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 READINGS Psalm 95:1-7 (p.550 OT)
Ezekiel 34:11-16 (p.803 OT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Leading Us As Only a Shepherd Can

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q.31)

**Jesus is called the Christ, that is, the Anointed One,
because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed
with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,
fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God
concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest,**

**having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and
ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal
King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending
and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.
Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Immortal, Invisible* Joseph M. Martin

Jennifer Fogarty and Alexis Ward, sopranos;
and Alice Walker, piano

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing alleluia!*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
God is Alpha Omega, Ancient of Days.
Nor wanting, now wasting, Thou rulest in might.
God is worthy of honor and praise
Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing alleluia!*

*God will rule forever and ever.
God alone is worthy of worship.
God will rule forever and ever.
Alleluia. Come and sing unto the Lord.
Sing with great exaltation, with great celebration.
Rejoice with a great alleluia. Alleluia!*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render. O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.
Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing alleluia!
Let all of creation rejoice now and sing!*

✦ 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

**Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, wel-
come the stranger, clothe the naked, and honor your pres-
ence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Toccata* from Symphony V, Op. 42 Charles-Marie Widor

✦ Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

✦ **Michael Thompson** 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve
Kapp's' mother)
† Eleanor Scarborough-home, recovering
from shoulder surgery
† Warren Liem-home
† Judith Barton-hospital (Perri Walden's
mother)
† Emma Bowen-Piedmont Newton (sister
of Debbie Gossage)
† William Hessler-health issues & his wife
Mary Alice, (Warren Liem's cousin)
† Howard Barton-home (step-father of
Perri Walden)
† 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-home, dialysis
† Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
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Hospital Visitors: Beth & Danny Vining

Please update your prayer
requests this week!
Names will be left on for one month
unless updated.
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