

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 3

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, November 5 Election Day

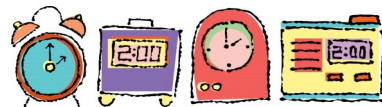
Pres. Women's Circles-see below
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, November 6

12:00 Ambassador Choir Lunch & warm up at FPC
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, November 9

12:00 Memorial Service



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 10

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Youth & Parents Lunch & Meeting

Stewardship Commitment Stretch just a little bit!

Last Sunday was our "Commitment Sunday" for the fall stewardship campaign, but there is still time for you to make your commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure for 2020. 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.



All Circles will meet on Tuesday, November 5th

Elizabeth Ann and Martha Circles will meet together in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am. Elizabeth Martin Pope will lead the discussion of Lesson #3, "Words of Love: Keep Sabbath." All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend. A light breakfast will be served. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris & Barbara Martin.

Ruth Circle will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Jean Wolverton.

If you are not currently a Circle member you are invited to join. Contact Moderator Jean Wolverton to sign up, 678-372-0901.



There will be a **Youth and Parent Meeting** on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. It's for all youth and their parents. Call or see Kimmy Briggs, Director of Family Ministries, for further information.

Staff Note: Pastor Steven Barnes is on vacation through November 11. Pastor Kimmy Briggs will be preaching and available for pastoral care during Steven's time away.

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 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) 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 CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Jenny Giles and Jade Roy *Nursery*
Darlene Alley *Director of the*
Early Learning Center



Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost

November 3, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional for a Joyful Day* Dale Wood

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord,
Let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
Let us exalt God's name together!

✦HYMN 2 *Come Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we so often forget: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from our fear and timidity, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks.

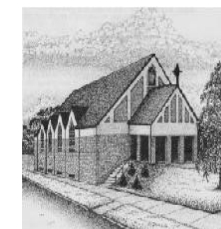
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Heather Sorenson
*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me
save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. You shine in the
night. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine in-
heritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, the first in my
heart, my treasure Thou art. Blessed Redeemer, my treasure
Thou art! High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach
heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall, still be my vision, still be my light, and You will
still be my vision shine in the night. Be Thou my vision, O Ruler of
all. Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 (p.47 NT)

SERMON *Persistent Faith* The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

✦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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Hymn to Joy* Benjamin M. Culli

✦DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDRETH

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

Merciful God, as we follow you, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – all signs of your gracious love. Receive these gifts from us and through them bring life and hope to many. In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

✦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 *We're Marching to Zion* Robert Lowry

✦Please stand if able.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 17th

If the way be clear, to elect elders for the Session Class of 2022 will be held on November 17th, at the conclusion of the worship Service. All members are asked to stay and vote for the proposed slate of candidates.

Worship Notes

✦Pam Stillerman 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

✦Julia Jones-cancer treatment (friend of the Carmichaels and Boltons)

✦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)

✦Susie Shiver-Piedmont Atlanta, shingles on the brain (friend of Betty Bailey)

✦Ronnie Patrick-cancer treatment (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)

✦Sharon Beasley Strickland-tests for oral cancer (classmate of Jeff MacKenzie)

✦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)

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

Celebration:

Congratulations to **Liz Stillerman and Philip Anderson** who were marriage last Saturday! Liz is the daughter of Jim & Pam Stillerman.

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of **Agnes Ruth Campbell**, who died October 26th. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 12:00 noon.

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

✦Pastor Nominating Committee- please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.

