

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, October 13**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 12:00 Session Meeting  
 4:30-6:30 Youth Activity at the Stillerman Home

**Tuesday, October 15**  
 4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, October 16**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, October 17**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Saturday, October 19**  
 8:00 Men's Study & Breakfast

**Sunday, October 20**  
**Oxford College Sunday**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Baptism

### Meet & Greet with Kimmy Party

Today, October 13  
 4:30 - 6:30 pm @ the Stillerman's Home

Make plans to come meet our new Director of Family Ministries, the Rev. Kimmy Briggs, this afternoon. Join us from 4:30 - 6:30pm for good food with good friends! We will also take time to do a simple mission/service project to help the church be ready to provide the homeless and/or hungry with food and water. Parents, siblings and friends are welcome to join us for the fun. Dinner will be provided.

### Family Promise

FPC will be hosting families again during the week of **October 27 - November 3**. If you'd like to help you can sign up online at [Find A Sign Up](#) or go to [SignUpGenius.com](#) and under "Search for a Sign Up" enter my e-mail address: [dougbolton@yahoo.com](mailto:dougbolton@yahoo.com) then follow the prompts to choose which job you want to do.

Doug Bolton (678)858-2080

### Oxford College Day

Join us on Sunday, October 20th as we welcome Oxford students, faculty and staff to First Presbyterian for **Oxford College Day** to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Dr. Douglas Hicks, Dean of Oxford College, will be preaching at the morning worship service. We look forward to welcoming these visitors to our community and to First Presbyterian!

### Trunk or Treat!

Hosted by the Early Learning Center  
**Sunday, October 27, 4 to 6 pm**  
**FPC Fellowship Hall**  
**No Cost to Attend**  
**Costumes Encouraged!**  
**50/50 Raffle—information to follow!**  
**Families are asked to:**  
 1. **Send in a bag of candy by Oct. 22**  
 2. **Consider hosting a "trunk" or game**  
*(Hint: Pinterest has TONS of ideas!)*



Trunk or Treat

**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](http://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:

**October:** oatmeal, grits, boxed cereals

**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

**October Usher Chair**  
 Michael Thompson

**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  
 Jenny Giles and Jade Roy  
 Darlene Alley

CAGO, AAGO  
*Organist/Ambassador Choir*  
*Nursery*  
*Director of the*  
*Early Learning Center*



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE NUN FREUT ELICH  
*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Bob Tabb

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
**Sing glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**  
 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you!**  
 Come and see what God has done.  
**Come let us sing praises to you!**

HYMN 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives. We pray through Christ our Lord... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving! 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 *Fanfare for Thanksgiving* arr. L. Stanley Glarum  
*O give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon His name.  
Sing unto Him, O sing. Glory ye in His holy name.  
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord!*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Darcel Tabb  
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.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 (p.80 NT)

SERMON *New Beginnings* The Rev. Kimmy Briggs

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* DIX

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)*

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. 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 J. S. Bach  
*Adagio from Vivaldi's Concerto in D Minor*

✦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

**Like the leper healed who returned to Jesus we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! Make of us, as well as these gifts, an offering of good news to the world. We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 35 LOBE DEN HERREN  
*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

✦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 *Come, Thou Almighty King* Walter L. Pelz

✦Please stand if able.



See the insert in the bulletin for information on "Change the World Day" set for Saturday, October 26th.

## Worship Notes

- ✦**Jay Lanners** 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](http://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

- ✦Agnes Campbell-Piedmont Newton
- ✦Anthony Arwood-stroke, Shepherd Spinal Center (husband of Audrey, son-in-law of Pat Harper)
- ✦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
- ✦Sam Ramsey-breathing issues
- ✦Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ✦Miriam Witherspoon-shoulder surgery (daughter of Miriam & Jack Wheeler)
- ✦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
- ✦Agnes Campbell
- ✦Penny Blakeney

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Debra Arnold** and her family in the death of her father, **Steve Bozarth**.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Day Kennon

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



**Please update** your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.  
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or call the church office, 770-786-7321