

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 14 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 3:00 Organ Concert	Thursday, October 18 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, October 16 4:00 Exercise Class	Saturday, October 20 Change the World Day
Wednesday, October 17 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	Sunday, October 21 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Stewardship: Please prepare your hearts and minds (and purse strings!) for a series of stewardship messages this month. Stewardship season will culminate on **Commitment Sunday, October 28**, when we will come forward during worship to present our pledges for the coming year. As we begin this new chapter in the life of FPC, we will focus on the opportunity, and the need, to be fearless in our **loving, praying, serving** and **giving**.

Today West Point Organist Craig Barnes, along with Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey, will be in Concert here at **3:00 pm**.

The October **Session Meeting** will be held today, following the morning worship service.

Change the World Day

Saturday, October 20th @ FUMC



Change The World is a day about educating and serving our community hosted by our friends and neighbors at First United Methodist Church. On this day we come together as one faith, one community with one common goal of being the hands and feet of Jesus.

This **Saturday, October 20th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm**, FPC will have a booth as part of the **Community Service Fair**. Come out and represent our church and enjoy the fellowship and great music...including our own Ambassador Choir.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 28th

If the way be clear, there will be a meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing elders to the Session Class of 2021.

Thank You for Caring

We sincerely thank our pastors—past and present—and members of First Presbyterian Church for your varied expressions of love and caring during this sad time of loss within our family. You are truly a blessing in our lives. Thank you. Janet & Patrick Carmichael

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 - 1:00. 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
Stephanie Scarborough

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

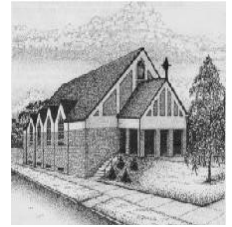
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Paul Manz

INTROIT *God Welcomes All* John Bell
God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong and it never ends

CALL TO WORSHIP

We live only by the goodness of the Lord,
who showers blessing on the just and unjust.
 We boast only in the grace of Jesus Christ,
for the first will be last, and the last will be first.
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after many things, but we have not always sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not always shown generosity. We have not always been gracious or grateful, and we have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God extends to each of us mercy beyond our deserving, and grace beyond our ability to earn it.

Thanks be to God for this good news! Now, let us live as grateful and forgiven people! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

✦ 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. Alice Parker

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs
*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Nought 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.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, 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, O Ruler 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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Pam Stillerman

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 16:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

SERMON *Praying Fearlessly* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Tuba Tune in D Major* Craig Seller Lang

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ASH GROVE

Hymn 37, stanza 1
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom and purpose, both near and far away; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 838 *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Praeludium in G, BMV 568* J. S. Bach Craig Williams, organ



MANNA & QUAIL

We cordially welcome to our service this morning Mr. **Craig Williams**, Organist at the United States Military Academy Chapel in West Point, New York. Mr. Williams will accompany a hymn and play the postlude. He will be the featured guest organist at the Organ Concert this afternoon at 3:00 pm in the First Presbyterian Church, Covington, Sanctuary. Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker will also play on the program this afternoon.

Statements of Giving for the operating fund and the capital fund for the period of April 1 - September 30, are available on the ushers' table in the narthex. Please take yours home, it saves us a stamp! Thanks.

Worship Notes

- ✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the leading of 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- † Agnes Campbell-Piedmont Newton
 - † Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)
 - † Dan Walden-Foot surgery, home
 - † Kim Floyd-heart surgery (mother of Chelsie Coggins of ELC)
 - † Bob Wheeler-surgery (brother of Jack Wheeler)
 - † Betty Lunsford-knee surgery, rehab at Riverside
 - † Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter)
 - † Robbie Ashworth-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
 - † Tim Blankenship-hip surgery on 9/10 (son of Maxine Blankenship)
 - † Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)
 - † Larry Kennon-home
 - † Mark Fogarty-cancer
 - † Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)
 - † Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)
 - † Spencer Boyd-lung cancer 3037 Pine Needle Rd Augusta, GA 30909-3047
 - † 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
Oaks at Ashton Hills , Rm. 102
10050 Eagle Drive
Covington, Ga. 30014
† Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
- Merryvale:**
† Guy McGiboney
† Betty Robinson
† Louise White
† Alice Gadilhe
† Hughie Hudson
† Patricia McGuire
† Roger Wallace
- Home:**
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