

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 20 Oxford College Sunday

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

Tuesday, October 22

4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, October 23

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, October 26

Change the World Day
11:00-2:00 at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 27

Stewardship Commitment Day

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Trunk or Treat

Oxford College Sunday

We welcome Oxford students, faculty and staff to First Presbyterian for **Oxford College Sunday**, especially the students who are sharing their musical talents with us. **Dr. Douglas Hicks**, Dean of Oxford College, is preaching at the morning worship service.

Novel Bunch

The Novel Bunch will gather on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 pm to discuss "Take Me with You" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. They will meet at Bill and Karen Couch's home, 12500 Alcovy Road.

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: <https://bit.ly/2Bq17oa> then follow the prompts to choose which job you want to do. Doug Bolton (678)858-2080

Stewardship Commitment Sunday Stretch just a little bit!



Next Sunday will be our opportunity to make our commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure for 2020. We will be invited to present our cards by bringing them forward and placing them in the basket provided.

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

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:

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



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *The Honors of Thy Name* Tom Fettke
Emily Cui, flute Alice Walker, piano
At the Cross Robert E. Hudson
Emma Kang, flute Alice Walker, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Sherri Bolton

INTROIT *He's Able* Dietrick Haddon
Voices of Praise Gospel Choir

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

Let us call on God, our help.

Continue in the truth of the gospel.

Let us pray and not lose heart.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 297 *In Christ Called to Baptize* ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we forego peace for easy resolution; when we trade what is right for what is convenient; when we doubt whether you are real enough, whether we are good enough, whether your love is strong enough to overcome the destructive powers of our world. Forgive us, O God, and move us to know your transformative grace; through Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

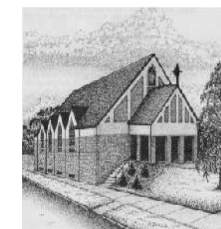
Sisters and brothers, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a whole new beginning.

Let us believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus, who always forgives us and loves us. 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 *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood
*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes. And I shall keep
it unto the end. Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Virginia Maie Martin
Presentation
Prayer and Baptism
Welcome

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-31 (p.30 OT)

SERMON *Grappling with God* The Rev. Doug Hicks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

✦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 *Amazing Grace* John Purifoy
Jiaqi Liu, violin Alice Walker, piano

✦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
Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring this day as a sign of our gratitude for your astounding goodness, and may our lives be an acceptable offering in union with our living and loving Lord, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

✦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 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Maestoso from Third Sonata

✦Please stand if able.



Jacob Wrestles Until Daybreak

Today we celebrate the Baptism of **Virginia Maie Martin**, daughter of Laura and Alex Martin, granddaughter of Chris and Barbara Martin.

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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

✦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)
✦Agnes Campbell-home
✦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)
✦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 celebrate with **Elizabeth Phillips and Matt Pharris** who were married October 12th, at the McGiboney cabin. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Guy & Carol McGiboney.

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker

✦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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