

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 21 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, October 25 10:30 Ambassador Choir 12:00 Silver Saints' Lunch
Tuesday, October 23 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, October 28 Commitment Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Congregational Meeting 12:00 Youth-Rake & Run
Wednesday, October 24 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

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**.

Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch will be held on Thursday, October 25, at noon. Call your reservation in to the church office. You are invited if you are old enough for the Senior Citizen discount and/or are a member of the Ambassador Choir!

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 28th
 There will be a meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing elders to the Session Class of 2021.

Hurricane Recovery Assistance

Our prayers continue for those affected by recent natural disasters. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) is organizing a response to areas affected by Hurricane Michael, including northern Florida, southeastern Alabama, and Georgia.

To give to PDA's hurricane relief efforts you may make a check payable to FPC with "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line, or go online to your Realm account and choose "Disaster Relief" for the fund.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**
 OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

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

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-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Ring Jubilee* Susan E. Geschke
 Handbell Choir
Like the Golden Sun Ascending J. S. Bach
 Alice Walker, organ

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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what are mortals that you care for us?

Yet we are part of your great creation and we give you thanks.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 15

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

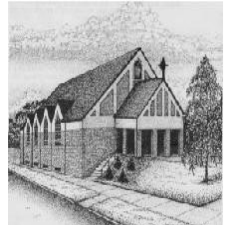
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... *(time for silent and personal reflection)* ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, we are free to love and serve! 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

Roll, Jordan, Roll

Ruth Morris Gray

Sanctuary Choir

Roll, Jordan, roll, roll, Jordan, roll.

I want to go to heaven when I die to hear old Jordan roll.

*O brother (sister) you ought-ta have been there
Yes, my Lord, a-sittin' in the kingdom to hear old Jordan roll.*

I want to hear old Jordan roll.

Roll, Jordan, roll!

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

Ed Crudup

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:20-31 (p.1 OT)
1 Peter 4:7-11 (p.235 NT)

SERMON

Serving Fearlessly

The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 716

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The Confession of 1967*)

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life, which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. 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

Praise Him!

Craig Courtney

Krista Firkus and Alexis Ward, sopranos
Alice Walker, piano

*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.*

Praise God in His sanctuary.

Praise Him for His mighty acts.

Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

*Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him!*

I will extol the Lord, my God,

And I will bless His name forever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

The Lord is righteous and holy.

The Lord is gracious and kind;

Full of compassion, slow to anger;

His tender mercies are over all His works;

The Lord is good to all. Praise Him!

Let everything that hath breath,

Praise the Lord! Praise Him!

✦ 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

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 700

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson

✦ Please stand if able.

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

†K. Paige Carmichael-neck surgery on 10/22 at Emory Atlanta (daughter of Patrick & Janet Carmichael)

†Wolf Waetzig's family-mother's illness; and 2 deaths (brother and cousin, in Germany)

†William Reavis-home (father-in-law of Steven Barnes)

†Shaun Evans-skin cancer

†Florine DeConinck-recovering from surgery

†Agnes Campbell-Rehab at Riverside, Room 115

†Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace)

†Kim Floyd-home (mother of Chelsie Coggins of ELC)

†Betty Lunsford-knee surgery, rehab at Riverside

†Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter)

†Robbie 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

†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

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†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:

†Roger Gossage-home, dialysis

†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

†Debi (Dee) Selin

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