

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 27 Stewardship Commitment Day

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

Today—next Sunday morning we are hosting Family Promise Families

Tuesday, October 29

4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, October 30

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 31

All Hallows' Eve

Sunday, November 3

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

Family Promise

FPC will be hosting families this week. 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!



Today is 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. If you forgot your card or didn't receive one, there are extra copies on the round table in the narthex.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat!
Hosted by the Early Learning Center
This evening from 4 to 6 pm
FPC Fellowship Hall
No Cost to Attend
Costumes Encouraged!
50/50 Raffle—See Miriam Wheeler for tickets
(You don't have to be present to win)

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3rd at 2:00 am.

Set your clocks BACK one hour before bed on Saturday evening.

Staff Note: Pastor Steven Barnes will be on vacation from October 31st—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:

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
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

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



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Like a River Glorious* Raymond H. Haan

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE Jodi Atkins

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for dedication and commitment; we respond with different priorities and excuses. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship you with the sacrifice you desire: loving you and loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

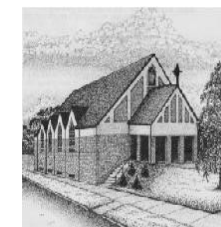
Sisters and brothers, God has made a way where there was no way, and through Jesus Christ we live in a state of grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

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 *Love Is Kind* arr. Dale Grotenhuis
Love is kind and suffers long; Lord, give us love. Love is meek and thinks no wrong; therefore give us love. Love than death itself more strong; Lord, give us love. Give us holy, heav'nly love. Prophecy will fade away; Lord, give us love. Melting in the light of day; therefore give us love. Love will ever with us stay; Lord, give us love. Give us holy, heav'nly love. Faith and hope and love we see; Lord, give us love. Joining hand in hand agree; therefore give us love. But the greatest of the three, and the best, is love. Give us holy, heav'nly love.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1st Corinthians 13 (p.175 NT)
 2nd Corinthians 8:1-14 (p.182 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Just a Little Bit (More) Can Make All the Difference

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 475 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦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 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 *Serve the Lord with Gladness* Ron Boud

✦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

For the gifts offered this day and every day we give thanks, O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation, to sustain your children in all they say and do, and to build up your kingdom throughout the earth. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

✦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 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Gayden Sikes

✦Please stand if able.

And Here Is My Advice
 About What Is Best For You
 In This Matter: Last Year You
 Were The First Not Only To
 Give But Also To Have The
 Desire To Do So.

2 Corinthians 8-10

BibleWordings.com

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Liz Stillerman and Philip Anderson, who were married yesterday. Liz is the daughter of Jim and Pam Stillerman.

Worship Notes

- ✦Darcel Tabb 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

- ✦Agnes Campbell-ICU at Piedmont Newton
- ✦Bill Cobham-Emory St. Joseph's
- ✦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)

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 **Milton Patton** in the death of his friend, Robert Lindsey. Milton asks our prayers for Robert's family.

Hospital Visitor: Jean Wolverton

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



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

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