

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 28
Commitment Sunday
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Congregational Meeting
 12:00 Youth-Rake & Run

Tuesday, October 30
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 31
All Hallows' Eve
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 1
All Saints' Day
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, November 4
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 4; set clocks back one hour!

Stewardship season will culminate today with **Commitment Sunday**. 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**. Pledge cards were mailed, but if you need one they are on the round table in the narthex.

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

VETERANS - we would like to honor all of our veterans with a special video slideshow in the narthex on November 11th. If you or a family member has served or is serving in the military, please send a photo to djwalden@mac.com or bring a photo by the church office. Please provide any helpful information such as name, rank and branch of the service.

A Service of Evensong The community is invited to a service of Evensong on **Friday, November 2, All Souls' Day**, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Community choirs will join for this lovely service. A wine and cheese reception will follow. No reservations needed! To list departed loved ones for prayers call 770-786-3278.

First Presbyterian Church Hosts Organ Concert November 3, 2018

As a part of an all-day meeting of the American Guild of Organists, Atlanta Chapter, on Saturday, November 3, there will be an Organ Concert at 10:30 am in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Covington. The Organ Concert is open to the public.

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

November
 Miriam Wheeler

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

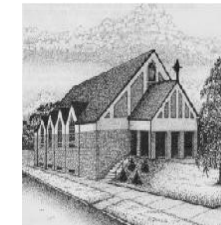
Steven Barnes	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the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



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

Commitment Sunday



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Like a Shepherd* John M. Rasley

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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we have been given the gift of a new day!
We come together to celebrate life and give thanks to God!
 We come together in gratitude and joy.
For we belong to God!
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

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, through our loving, praying, serving, and giving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, this is the promise of the Lord—that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will transform our lives and remember our sin no more.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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 *The Yearning* Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

*There is a yearning in hearts weighed down
By ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide
And in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.
There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One,
The First-born of creation.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,
And by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.
There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those
Who wait the day of His appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased
And we shall see the one who placed
Within our hearts the yearning.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.*

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 122 (p.571 OT)
Luke 6:12-16 (p.64 NT)

SERMON *Giving Fearlessly* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

✦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 arr. Peter Davis
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

✦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

Bless these gifts, O Lord, from your un failing care for your people. Let them be a sign of our gladness for all that we have, and all that we may offer to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 726 KELVIN GROVE
Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

✦Please stand if able.



The Twelve DISCIPLES

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

†Vanessa Carmichael-hip-replacement surgery at the Anderson Ortho. Clinic in Virginia on 10/31 (daughter of Janet & Patrick Carmichael)
†Howard Barton-hospice (step-father of Perri Walden)
†Aarley Roberts-whooping cough (daughter of Mandi & Aaron Robert, grandparents: Lelia & Dennis Raines)
†Paige Carmichael-recovering from neck surgery (daughter of Patrick & Janet Carmichael)
†Pat Musarra-stroke (mother of Danielle Schubert)
†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 surgery
†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-home
†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 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 Gadiihe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire
†Roger Wallace

Home:
†Roger Gossage-home, dialysis
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Debi (Dee) Selin

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