

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 7

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Welcome Lunch

Tuesday, October 9

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 10

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 11

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, October 14

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
3:00 Organ Concert
5:00 Youth Connection

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.**

Congratulations to **Bill Loeble** who has been recognized by his alma mater Presbyterian College with the 2018 Dum Vivimus Servimus Award. The award recognizes an alumna or alumnus who exemplifies the meaning of the College motto, "While we live, we serve."

Don't Miss It! West Point Organist Craig Barnes, along with Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey, will be in Concert here on **Sunday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m.** Please put this outstanding event on your calendar.

The **Session Meeting** for October will be held next Sunday, October 14, following the morning worship service.

Santa Express: Presbyterian Women each year gather items for Presbyterian Homes to give each resident a Christmas gift bag. Our church has participated in this mission for a number of years. Once again there is a box in the narthex along with the list of items requested. Your love, support, and generosity are more than appreciated. Any questions, please call Jeanie Liem 770-787-7530.



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

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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

Hospital Visitor:

Cy Wolverton

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

Dan Walden

Peini Kehoe

Alexis Ward

Interim Pastor
Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green

Secretary-Treasurer

Nursery
Music Director

Darlene Alley

Director of the Early Learning Center

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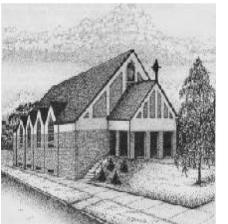
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Nursery

Director of the Early Learning Center

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach

I Plead with Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

O Bone Jesu

Giovanni P. da Palestrina

*O holy Jesus, we pray for Thy mercy,
Thou, who gave Thy life for us, and hath redeemed us,
For Thy sacrifice, we worship Thee, O Lord.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
Love is the fulfillment of the law!
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

†HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors' needs. Forgive us and liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. And, gathered in Christ's name, he is among us, full of grace and truth—setting us free to love and serve the world.

Thanks be to God for this good news! Indeed, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. 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!

Worship Notes

♦We welcome to our service this morning **Loucy Hay**, who is playing piano. Loucy is married to Sam Hay, III and the mother of Sam, IV and Allie. Thank you, Loucy, for your beautiful music.

♦**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

†Dan Walden-Foot surgery on 10/10
†Kim Floyd-heart surgery (mother of Chelsie Coggins of ELC)
†Bob Wheeler-surgery (brother of Jack Wheeler)
†Betty Lunsford-knee surgery, then rehab
†Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blakeney'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 (grandson 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

Peace Corps Volunteer
†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia P. O. Box 50707 Lusaka, Zambia WhatsApp and phone number is +260978827457; local number & email: 770-490-3660; p.lanford@gmail.com

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Milton Patton** in the death of his aunt, **Annett Eaten** on September 26; and for **Janet Carmichael** on the death of her sister, **Claudia Otance Van-Der-Meer** in Guyana; and for **Rebecca Bates** and her family in the death of her father, **David Cooper**, who died last Sunday.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* John Ferguson Sanctuary Choir

Look who gathers at Christ's Table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone. Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light. Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways, But they share one thing in common; end in thanks and praise, Praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west To converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest. Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised By the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes When he blesses bread and breaks it-truth and manna from above! And then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

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 Romans 13:8-14 1 John 3:11-24

SERMON *Loving Fearlessly* The Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

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 OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Michael Burkhardt

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 37, stanza 1

ASH GROVE

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

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and purpose. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive Toccata* Denis Bedard

Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton