

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 15

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, September 18

6:00-8:00 Family Promise Volunteers Ice Cream Social
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 19

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 22

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Welcome to Kimmy Briggs & International Potluck Lunch

Family Promise Volunteers are invited to an **Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, September 18, from 6:00-8:00. Join us in the fellowship hall. Ice Cream for dessert or dinner?



Join us for our annual **Potluck International Luncheon** on Sunday, **September 22nd** following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your favorite dish to share – the more international flavor the better!** We look forward to having members of our congregation

share their special international dishes and speak about their heritage and church origins. This luncheon will be our opportunity to meet our new Director of Family Ministries, **the Rev. Kimberly Stokesbary Briggs** (who goes by **Kimmy**). We are very excited to have Kimmy join us so mark your calendars – find your favorite international recipe – and help us welcome Kimmy to First Presbyterian.



New Email Addresses for staff: Office staff have new email addresses. Please make these changes in your address book and contact lists and use them right away! Thanks.
Steven Barnes is: steven@fpccov.org;

Peni Kehoe/church office is: admin@fpccov.org. When Kimmy Briggs begins on October 1st, she will also have an email with this address. We will publish that when the time comes.

Community On Our Knees will take place next Sunday, September 22 at 6:00 pm when the community will gather in the downtown square for prayers for the community, prayers for families, churches and schools, prayers for first responders, city and county officials, judges and all that serve. There will also be a celebrations for answered prayers, especially for Officer Matt Cooper. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Music will be provided by Scott England and Eastridge Band. Various community ministers and worshipping communities will be leading the prayers. Everyone is invited.



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 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:

September: mac & cheese; rahmen noodles

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

September Usher Chair
Miriam Wheeler

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
Peni Kehoe
Krista Firkus
Alice Walker

Interim Pastor
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director
CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Jenny Giles and Jade Roy
Darlene Alley

Nursery
Director of the
Early Learning Center



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We, who are many
Are transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.
We, who are many
Are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 394

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace! 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 *God Be in My Head* John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-8 (p.161 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
Increasing Our Strength of Soul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 700 I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from *A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* Sam Batt Owens

✦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

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Thank you, God, for making the world ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:
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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 372 *O for a World* AZMON

✦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 *Thou Whose Almighty Word* Walter L. Pelz

✦Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦Carter Gibson 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

- ✦Warren Liem-health concerns
- ✦Jo Ellen Anderson—emergency surgery for blood clots (cousin of Julie Epps)
- ✦Bill Cobham-blood clot, Emory Mid-town
- ✦Sam Ramsey-breathing issues
- ✦Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ✦Miriam Witherspoon-shoulder surgery September 5 (daughter of Miriam & Jack Wheeler)
- ✦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ✦Laura Green-knee surgery (cousin of Stephanie Scarborough)
- ✦Patsy Schaal-surgery for hip fracture (co-worker of Stephanie Scarborough)
- ✦Tommy-heart issues (friend of Warren & Jeanie Liem)
- ✦Nancy Bowden Wiley-hip replacement complications (friend of Judy Davis)
- ✦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
- ✦Ronnie Patrick-treatment (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- ✦Laura Cox-recovering from surgery as the result of a dog attack. (Randy Layton's niece)
- ✦Jane LeMaster-home (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- ✦Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
- ✦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnut)
- ✦Ellen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ✦Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
- ✦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
- ✦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ✦Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
- ✦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦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
- ✦Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks

Merryvale:

- ✦Patti & Homer Borders
- ✦Dot Fincher
- ✦Guy McGiboney
- ✦Betty Robinson
- ✦Louise White
- ✦Alice Gadilhe
- ✦Roger Wallace

Home:

- ✦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- ✦Debi (Dee) Selin
- ✦Agnes Campbell
- ✦Penny Blakeney

Celebration:

AP Scholar with Honor Award
Twelve NCSS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of three or higher on four or more of these exams. These students include: Allie Hay, Sophia Hawley and Connor Jessup.

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Bailey

✦Pastor Nominating Committee—please keep this team in your pray-



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."