

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, September 22**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 12:00 Welcome to Kimmy Briggs & International Potluck Lunch

**Tuesday, September 24**  
 4:00 Exercise class

**Wednesday, September 25**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, September 25**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, September 29**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service



Join us today for our **Potluck International Luncheon** following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to having members of our congregation share their special international dishes and speak about their heritage and church origins. This luncheon is our opportunity to meet and welcome our new Director of Family Ministries, **the Rev. Kimberly Stokesbary Briggs** (who goes by **Kimmy**). We are very excited to have Kimmy join us!



**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](mailto:steven@fpccov.org);

Peni Kehoe/church office is: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org).

When Kimmy Briggs begins on October 1st, she will also have an email with this address. We will publish that next week.

**Community On Our Knees** takes place **this evening 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.

**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.

**Staff E-mail Addresses:**

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You may read or listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://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

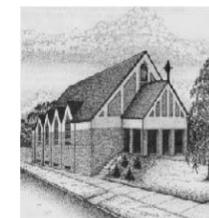
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Jenny Giles and Jade Roy	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO		
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		



*Fifteenth Sunday  
 after Pentecost*

**September 22, 2019**



*Order of Worship*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Awake, Awake, to Love and Work* MORNING SONG

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

God cares for us completely,  
**and calls for our total commitment.**  
 Through Christ we have died to sin;  
**in Christ we are fully alive to God.**  
 Praise the Lord!  
**Together, let us worship God!**

✦HYMN 31 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

MONKLAND

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You deliver us from evil, but we continue to live in sin. You offer us new life, but we continue to live in fear. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may follow you faithfully, not counting the cost; for we pray through Christ, our Lord ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears us and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin.

**Sin and death cannot bind us, for the living Christ sets us free. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 *Let The Praise Go 'Round* arr. Hal Hopson  
Sanctuary Choir

*Hallelujah. Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Praise him:  
Let the sound go 'round, let our praise abound, sing we hal-  
lelujah. Rejoice and sing, Hallelujah!*

### 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 READINGS Psalm 106:1-12 (p.557 OT)  
Jonah 3 (p.860 OT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes  
*God Won't Give Up*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

### RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

Presentation

\*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.**

Prayer

Welcome

### 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 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  
*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

✦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  
**Astounding Spirit, you have showered your gifts upon us. Now we offer you our lives and our resources, to be transformed, made new, and given in love for the world; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

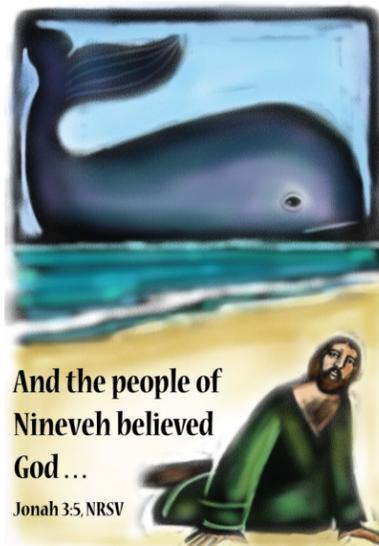
✦HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

### ✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦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 *Prelude in C Minor* J. S. Bach

✦Please stand if able.



### Worship Notes

- ✦**Doug Bolton and Donna Weesner** are 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](http://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

- ✦Ronnie Patrick-surgery for thyroid cancer (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
- ✦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 (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
- ✦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦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
- ✦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ✦Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

**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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Danny Vining** and his family in the death of his brother-in-law, **Bill Shirk**, who died September 13, in Florida.

Congratulations to **Sarah Lanners and Paul Avinger** who were married yesterday in Mooresville, NC. Sarah's parents are **Jay and Buncie Lanners** and her grandmother, **Louly F. Hay** officiated the marriage ceremony!

We celebrate with **Maria Davis** on the birth of a grandson, **Weston Gregory Edwards**, born September 10th. His parents are Ethan and Tabitha Edwards.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Betty Bailey

✦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."*