

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Tuesday, October 1
 4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, October 2
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 3
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
Peace & Global Witness Offering



All Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet on Tuesday, October 1st

Elizabeth Ann will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am.

Martha Circle will meet at 10:30 am at the home of Jean Blair: 5145 Pratt St. SW, 404-216-3251. Lesson #2 Leader: Julie MacKenzie.

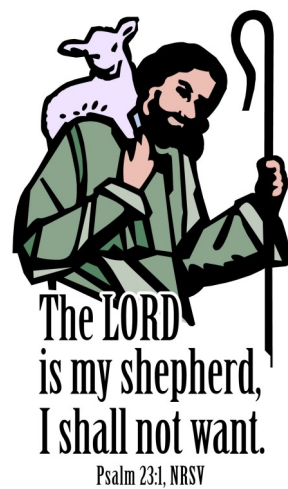
Ruth Circle will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Darcel Tabb.

If you are not currently a Circle member you are invited to join. Contact Moderator Jean Wolverson to sign up, 678-372-0901.

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;
 Kimmy Briggs is: kimmy@fpccov.org
 Peni Kehoe/church office is: admin@fpccov.org.



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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 Covington, Georgia 30014

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 Wolverson

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 *Nursery*
 Darlene Alley *Director of the Early Learning Center*



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Walter Pelz

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

Surely goodness and mercy are with us.

And God will be with us forever.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, we seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us—the One who loves us and forgives us again and again.

Truly, this is the good news of the gospel: that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven indeed. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE

Hymn 71, refrain

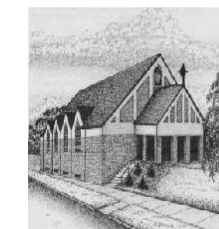
FIRST SONG

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 *And This Is Love* arr. John Purifoy
And this is love, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You have heard it said, love your friends and hate your enemies. Yet I say to you, love your enemies too. If you love me, do the things I command you. Love one another as I have loved you.

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 1 John 3:11, 16-24 (p.240 NT)
 Psalm 23 (p.501 OT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
No Matter Which Way We Turn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

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 true 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 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 HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

✦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 give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives and resources for the sake of the world you created; to the glory of your holy name, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 300 THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
We Are One in the Spirit

✦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 G Minor* J. S. Bach

✦Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- ✦Michael Thompson 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

- ✦Anthony Arwood-stroke, Shepherd Spinal Center (husband of Audrey, son-in-law of Pat Harper)
- ✦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-home
- ✦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)
- ✦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)

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

Hospital Visitor:
 Jean Wolverton

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



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