

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 30 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection	Thursday, October 4 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, October 2 Circles Meetings listed below 4:00 Exercise Class	Saturday, October 6 NAMI Walk by our Youth
Wednesday, October 3 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	Sunday, October 7 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Presbyterian Women's Circles Meet October 2, 2018

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

Martha circle will meet at 10:30 am at the home of Carol Dunbar. Cheryl Meichsner will lead the lesson.

Ruth circle will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Stephanie Fortson.



NAMI 5K Walk/Run Saturday, October 6th

NAMI Walks is a nationwide fundraising and mental health awareness program that is being held in more than 80 communities around the country. Youth Connection will meet at the church at 8:30 am on Saturday,

10/6 then head to Atlanta for this 5K fun walk/run. We'll go to the Varsity for lunch afterward, then head back to the church. Bring \$5-\$10 for lunch if you are able.

**Pickup time is 2:00 pm at the church.
Be a Georgia Mental Health Hero!**

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.



Organ Concert on Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m. Craig Williams, Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, will be in Concert with local Organists, Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey, in our Sanctuary on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m., in a program featuring classical and patriotic repertoire. Please mark this date on your calendar. This will be a concert not to be missed!

**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

September Gary Boteler	Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
October Stephanie Scarborough	

MEMBERS OF SESSION

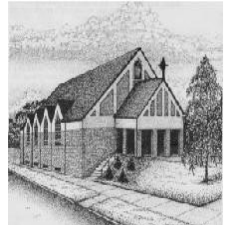
Class of 2018 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman Koen Ardis Sophia Hawley	Class of 2019 Carter Gibson John McCarthy Teresa McCurry Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler	Class of 2020 Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Michael Thompson
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FIRST 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>



*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
September 30, 2018



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* Tom Fettke
 Carol Zhu, violin Alice Walker, piano
Near to the Heart of God/
Children of the Heavenly Father Brant Adams
 Priscilla Cho, cello Alice Walker, piano

INTROIT *Glory to God!* G. F. Handel
 Sanctuary Choir
Glory to God joyful songs we proclaim.
Let every nation lift high the Lord's name.
Sing to the Lord with acclaim, sing God's holy name.
Rejoice and give glory forever.
We praise the mighty Lord, God's name adored.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
 Christ knows us, and we belong to him.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.
 Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

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 FORGIVENESS

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.

Thanks be to God for this good news! Indeed, we are forgiven and set free to love and serve. 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!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Hand In Hand

Rollo Dillworth

*Walk, let us walk (walk with me, my brother; walk with me, my sister)
Oh, journey with me as we seek our destiny.
Let us talk (talk with me, my brother; talk with me, my sister)
So that I might see (lend me your wisdom and your eyes that I might see) No matter what the problem, I will try to understand
We can make it through hand in hand*

*Sing, let us sing (sing with me, my brother; sing with me, my sister)
Let's get together and make a melody
Let us shout (shout with me, my brother; shout with me, my sister)
Because we are free (let's celebrate what it means to be free)
No matter what the problem, I will try to understand
We can make it through hand in hand*

*Work, let us work (work with me, my brother; work with me, my sister)
Labor wit me as we strive for unity
Let us dance (dance with me, my brother; dance with me, my sister)
To make harmony (come step with me as we move in harmony.)
No matter what the problem, I will try to understand
We can make it through hand in hand*

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

John 10:11-13,19-21
Acts 4:1-12

SERMON

Dr. Doug Hicks

Christian Leadership in Word and Deed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 722

CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Majesty

Joseph Linn

Carol Zhu, violin Alice Walker, piano

✦ 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

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 for one another; to the glory of your holy name, we pray. Amen. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Minor

J. S. Bach

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!



Worship Notes

- ✦ We welcome **Dr. Doug Hicks**, as our guest preacher in honor of Oxford College Day. Doug is the Dean of Oxford College. Doug and his wife, Catherine Bagwell, and children, Noah and Ada attend church at FPC.
- ✦ We welcome to our service this morning **Carol Zhu**, violinist, and **Priscilla Cho**, cellist, both of whom are students at Oxford College. Many thanks to these talented musicians.
- ✦ 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

- † Russell Loveland-stroke (father of Caryn Thompson)
- † Caleb Thompson-undiagnosed illness (son of Michael Thompson)
- † Matt Cooper - CPD officer at Shepherd Center
- † Bill Davis-chest pain; no heart damage
- † Denny Henderson-back surgery on 8/31; father of Danny and Beth Vining's daughter-in-law Cathy
- † Tim Blankenship-hip surgery on 9/10 (son of Maxine Blankenship)
- † George Fogarty - heart issues (father of Mark Fogarty)
- † Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)
- † Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)
- † Betty Britt-cancer (friend of Milton Patton)
- † Larry Kennon-surgery, 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)
- † Roger Gossage-home, dialysis
- † Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- † Adriane Ivey-home
- † 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)

- † David Cooper-cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)
- † 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:

- † 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

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