

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, September 9

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session meeting  
6:00 Youth Connection

#### Monday, September 10

Church office closed

#### Tuesday, September 11

4:00 Exercise Class  
6:00 Presbyterian Women Supper

#### Wednesday, September 12

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

#### Thursday, September 13

10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Sunday, September 16

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Youth Connection  
Visit to Oxford College

**Youth Connection** today will meet at the church at 6:00 pm for dinner, then walk to the Square to participate in the 7:00 pm **Community on Our Knees**, a community prayer event. Pickup time is 8:00 pm at the church. Next week, Sept 16, is the Oxford College Visit when youth will leave after worship for lunch in the College Dining Hall (\$8), followed by a tour of the campus and games. Pickup time is 3:00 pm at the church.

**Presbyterian Women** are having their fall dinner September 11 at 6 pm in the Martin Fellowship Hall. As we begin a new year we will learn about upcoming events and have our first study lesson brought to us by Judy Davis. Even if you're not a member of one of the Circles we welcome all women to join us for the fellowship,

In recognition of **Seminary Sunday** when we celebrate the theological education of our pastors and leaders, **our guest preacher on Sunday, September 16 will be Anna Grace Claunch**, an MDiv student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur.

**The Rev. Steven Barnes** will begin his tenure as our Interim Pastor on Monday, September 17th. His first Sunday will be September 23.

**Staff note:** Peni Kehoe will be out for surgery from Aug. 30-Sept. 14. Susan Boteler, Ruth McDaniel and Carol Dunbar will be sitting in for Peni during that time. The office will be closed on Mondays, 9/3 and 9/10.

**Montreat Reservations:** Our annual church-wide retreat to the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina is set for **November 2nd through 4th**. If you are interested in going, please make plans and a reservation as soon as possible. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. Place your completed form with your deposit in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. All reservations must be made by September 18th.

**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.

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



Food Pantry Needs

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:

**September:** Rahmen noodles  
Macaroni and Cheese

**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

## 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

Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Jade Roy	<i>Nursery</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
September 9, 2018



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* Diane Bish  
Alice Walker, Organ  
*Be Still, My Soul*  
Handbell Choir by Jean Sibelius, arr. by Jason W. Krug

#### INTROIT

*Sing and Rejoice* William Bradbury  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs  
*Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice,*  
*Let all things living now sing and rejoice!*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 14*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**  
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
**The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**  
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
**Praise the Lord!**

#### HYMN 19

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*God of Great and God of Small*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you search us and know us. You know the secrets of our hearts, even better than we do. You know how we have run away from your call; still you are ready to receive us again, ready to use us again. In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander. Fashion us by your Spirit into vessels fit for good use; that we may bear faithfully what you have entrusted to our care - treasures of Christ's saving work for a lost and broken world**  
*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Grace Mark Hayes

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And that same grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already safely come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And surely grace will lead me home, I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the glorious sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than since the day we first begun.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:1-17

SERMON Who Is My Neighbor? Rev. David K. Payne

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 69 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

We 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Lift Your Light by Mary McDonald

Ambassador Choir

Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness;  
Let it shine all over the world, Jesus loves you!  
Lift your light, lift it high in the darkness;  
Jesus is the light of the world. Lift it higher. Lift your light!

Jesus is the light, light of all the world;  
Lift the light within you, shine it all around the world.  
Let the glory rise; rise it to the sky;  
Let your light for Jesus shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

✦DOXOLOGY Hymn 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, help us to live as resurrection people,  
following the Christ in faith, clinging to him in hope,  
witnessing to him in love. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 318 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We Bid Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

David Payne is a lifelong resident of Newton County, where he graduated from Newton County Comprehensive High School and holds a Business and Philosophy degree from Georgia State University, all with honors. The greatest joy of David's life is his children Stephen and Arlissa, and grandchildren Houston, Isabella, and Olivia. David was the Senior Pastor of The Church at Covington for over 29 years where his leadership style was driven by his passionate desire to break down the racial, socio-economic, and religious walls which have long divided people from each other and God. This philosophy is still the driving force in David's ministry and professional life to this day.

✦Assisting in the leading of worship today is Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries,  
✦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.

If the way be clear we will hold a called Congregational Meeting following worship for the purpose of electing two members to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee with current Session members John McCarthy, Doug Bolton and Sophia Hawley.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Matt Cooper - CPD officer at Grady Memorial

†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)

†Peni Kehoe-recovering from surgery 409 Queen Ann St. Oxford, GA 30054

†George Fogarty - heart issues (father of Mark Fogarty)

†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)

†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loeble)

†Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)

†Betty Britt-cancer (friend of Milton Patton)

†Larry Kennon-surgery, home

†Mark Fogarty-cancer

†Patti Lanford - bus accident

†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

†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

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Celebration: We celebrate the birth of Aarley Belle Roberts, daughter of Mandy & Aaron Roberts and granddaughter of Lelia & Dennis Raines. Welcome to the family Aarley!

Hospital Visitor: Stephanie Fortson