Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 2 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service with Baptism

12:00 Souper Bowl Lunch and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

Circle Meetings—see below 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 5 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 6 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 9

9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting

Souper Bowl of Caring and Annual Meeting Today after Worship



We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting, including lunch, immediately following worship today.

In conjunction with the meeting, the youth will host the Souper Bowl of Caring, which is a chance to provide financial support to our local Community Food Pantry.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

Elizabeth Ann Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 4th at 10 a.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Elizabeth Martin Pope will lead Lesson 6, "Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred". Breakfast will be served. All women are invited to attend.

Martha Circle will meet on February 4th, with the Elizabeth Ann Circle at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Ruth Circle will meet February 4th, at 7:00 pm in the church parlor.

Family Promise February 16-23, 2020

This is our third week of hosting for this mission, and we want to offer hospitality with excellence this week! Doug Bolton will be our lead coordinator and Susan Boteler will be assisting. Jay Lanners will be coordinating all



meals. Grab a friend and sign up by using this link:

https://tinvurl.com/tarhllh

Giving Statements for 2019 are Available

Year-end statements are in a box in the narthex for you to pick up. They are compliant with tax laws if you are itemizing your deductions. Help us save postage by taking yours home today! Thanks for your faithfulness in supporting the church.

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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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: **February:** canned meats (no tuna); stews, meals w/meat, etc.

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

February Usher Chair Aubrey Evans

Sound Engineer: Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Michael Thompson Allie Hay Class of 2021
Jay Lanners
Warren Liem
Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022
Del Boyer
Aubrey Evans
John McCarthy
Stephanie Scarborough
Trista Hooten Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes Kimmy Briggs

Peni Kehoe

Krista Firkus

Interim Pastor
Director of
Family Ministries
Church Administrator
Music Director

Interim Pastor | Alice Walker | CAGO, AAGO | Director of | Organist/Ambassador Choir | Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert

Nursery
Darlene Alley Director of the
Early Learning Center



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



February 2, 2020

Please Wear Your Name Tag!

We are encouraged to wear our name tags in the coming weeks and months to help our new pastors, Neeley and Kimmy, get to know us more quickly. If you don't have one, there is a clipboard on which to sign up for one, or you may call or email the church office.

Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Arthur H. Messiter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ring Jubilee
Handbell Choir

Susan E. Geschke

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness

That we may enter through them and give God thanks. 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

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great! Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace! Thanks be to God. Amen!

†RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN

Hymn 137, verse 1

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore. **†THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21 (p.672 OT)

ANTHEM Irish Blessing arr. Mark Patterson

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind gently blow at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, until we meet again; may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Rev. Steven Barnes

SECOND READING Joshua 1:1-9 (p.194 OT)

SERMON Wherever We Go Rev. Steven Barnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

Presentation

†Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from the *Confession of 1967*)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

Prayer and Baptism

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

Where'er Ye Walk Janet Carmichael, solo G. F. Handel

†RESPONSE

OLD HUNDREDTH

Hymn 606

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

You we praise, Loving God, for the gifts with which you have blessed us, and the opportunities to share from our hearts and lives so others might be fed, clothed, served, loved, lifted up, and healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE

Hymn 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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther

Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- **†Allie Hay** 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.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ♦Becky Stokesbary-gall bladder (Kimmv's mom)
- Roger Tingler-hip surgery on Feb. 3
- ♦Tom Bass-bone marrow cancer & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining) Bill Cobham-home
- ♦Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ♦Cheryl Meichsner-eye surgery
- ♦Grace Ottley-eye surgery
- ♦Darcel Tabb-eye surgery
- ♦Brenda Howell-breast cancer
- Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia ♦Guy McGiboney-stroke, return to
- Merryvale Mary Ann Boyer-shoulder injury
- Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ♦Homer Sharp, Jr.-staph infection (father of Angela Gilmer & cousin of Alice Walker)
- ♦Koen Ardis-Navy basic training ♦Noah Hicks-recovering from knee
- surgery ♦Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related
- issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie) ♦Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth
- Vining's niece) ♦Julia Jones-cancer treatment (friend of the Carmichaels and Boltons)
- Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ♦Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
- ♦Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ♦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ♦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ♦Èllen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ♦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory) Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain
- tumor ♦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but
- still recovering ♦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grand-
- son of Chuck and Sherry Brasher) ♦Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of
- Phyllis Yoder)

- ♦Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ♦Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
- ♦Debi (Dee) Selin

Independent and Assisted Living

- ♦Penny Blakeney-home
- ♦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ♦ Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks
- ♦Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ♦Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ♦Guv McGibonev-Merrvvale
- ♦Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ♦Louise White-Merryvale
- ♦Alice Gadilhe-Merryvale ♦Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ♦ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Hospital Visitors: Danny and Beth Vining



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,

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