

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, September 2
Labor Day—Church office closed

Tuesday, September 2
4:00 Exercise class
6:00 Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper Meeting

Wednesday, September 3
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 4
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 8
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 6:00 PM –FELLOWSHIP HALL

The heat of the summer will soon be over and the warmth of fellowship in the Presbyterian Women will begin. We encourage ALL women of the church to attend this first meeting and also to join one of our circles. Members, please call your circle leader to make reservation and come with a salad of your choice. Good food, fellowship, a short program and bible study is the plan. We will have plenty of food, so y'all come.

New Email Addresses for staff: As of September 1st, we will begin using new email addresses, which are tied into our website, for the full-time staff. Please make these changes in your address book and contact lists and use them right away! Thanks.

Steven Barnes will now be: steven@fpccov.org;

Peni Kehoe will be: admin@fpccov.org.

When Kimmy Briggs begins on October 1st, she will also have an email with this address. We will publish that when the time comes.

Pastor Steven Barnes will be out of town from September 5-8. The Rev. Larry Kennon will be the preacher on September 8.



We make names tags in batches of 6 or more due to our name tag format. We will be making a batch the week of September 9th. If you do not have a tag or have lost one, please sign up on the tablet provided in the narthex.

We encourage everyone to wear their name tag each Sunday to help the newer members get to know us!



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.

E-mail:
The Rev. Steven Barnes: steven@fpccov.org
Church Office/Peni Kehoe: admin@fpccov.org
E-news announcements go to: info@fpccov.org

Website: www.fpccov.org
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
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 Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

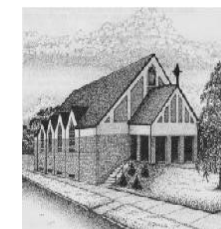
Steven Barnes *Interim Pastor*
Peni Kehoe *Secretary-Treasurer*
Krista Firkus *Music Director*
Alice Walker *CAGO, AAGO*
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Jenny Giles and Jade Roy *Nursery*
Darlene Alley *Director of the*
Early Learning Center



*Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost*

September 1, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

Let us be confident in our salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Lord is with us!

The Lord is with us indeed!

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

✦HYMN 385

OLD HUNDREDTH

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear—for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

Let us believe the promise of our baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 *We Are Called* David Haas
Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God! Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more! Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day, when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers, united in love!

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 2nd Peter 1:5-11 (p.236 NT)
 Matthew 25:14-30 (p.28 NT)

SERMON The Rev. Steven Barnes
The Greatest Risk of All

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 729 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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.

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Walther

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

O God, you endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to you in all that we think, say, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before you, may they reflect a wise investment of your trust in us. And, may their yield continue to abound as the work that we do spreads your will farther and farther from this place. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 722 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Walter L. Pelz

Please stand if able.



Using Your *Talents*

Worship Notes

- ♦ **Jeanie Liem** 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

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Ronnie Patrick-treatment (son of Jim and Lynda Patrick)
- ♦ Laura Cox-recovering from surgery as the result of a dog attack. (Randy Layton's niece)
- ♦ Jane LeMaster-home (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- ♦ Bill Cobham-home
- ♦ Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
- ♦ Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ♦ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnett)
- ♦ Ellen Clary-cancer (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
- ♦ Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
- ♦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks, **Merryvale:**
- ♦ Patti & Homer Borders
- ♦ 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

♦ 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."

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
 Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321