

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Tuesday, September 10
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, September 11
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 12
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 15
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 Session Meeting

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.

Join us for our annual **Potluck International Luncheon** on Sunday, **September 22nd** following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your favorite dish to share – the more international flavor the better!** We look forward to having members of our congregation share their special international dishes and speak about their heritage and church origins.

This luncheon will be our opportunity to meet our new Director of Family Ministries, **the Rev. Kimberly Stokesbary Briggs** (who goes by **Kimmy**). We are very excited to have Kimmy join us so mark your calendars – find your favorite international recipe – and help us welcome Kimmy to First Presbyterian.



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!

The Novel Bunch will not meet in September. Details to follow on book and location.



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	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	Jenny Giles and Jade Roy	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO		
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Sam Batt Owens

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, O people! Listen for the voice of God.

We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder, in joyful laughter, in faithful questions.

Come, O people! Watch for the presence of God.

We have seen God's presence in rolling hillsides, in busy streets, in one another.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 19

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

God of Great and God of Small

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You tell us that where our treasures are, our hearts are sure to be. Forgive us when we treasure the shallow things of this world more than we cherish the depth of your grace; when we choose comfort over faithfulness, power over love, wealth over discipleship, selfishness over service. Forgive us, Holy God, and move us, that through the act of confessing we may recognize our failings and be freed by your grace to try again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, hear this good news—by faith we have been saved and our guilty hearts have been washed clean. **Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God! Amen!**

RESPONSE

Hymn 71, refrain

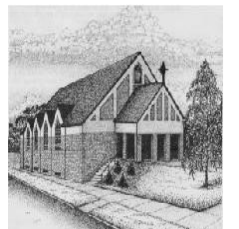
FIRST SONG

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 *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel* arr. Pepper Choplin
Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air. The little wheel run by faith, and the big wheel by the grace of God. 'Tis a wheel in a wheel way in the middle of the air. Some go to church for to sing and shout, way in the middle of the air. Before six months they are all turned out, way in the middle of the air. One of these days 'bout twelve o'clock, way in the middle of the air, this old world gonna reel and rock, way in the middle of the air.

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

Ezekiel 1:1, 4-8, 15-20; 2:1-4; 3:1-3 (p.769 OT)
 Matthew 23:37 (p.26 NT)

SERMON *The Prophet* The Rev. Larry Kennon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

✦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 *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* Walter L. Pelz

✦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

Loving God, accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

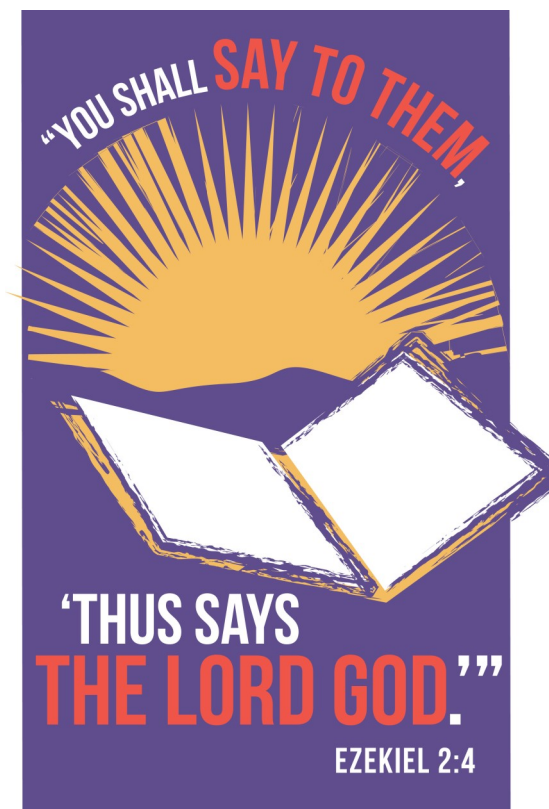
✦HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM

✦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 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* LLANGLOFFAN

✦Please stand if able.



Worship Notes

- ✦Michael Thompson & Cindy Moon are 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

- ✦Miriam Witherspoon-shoulder surgery September 5 (daughter of Miriam & Jack Wheeler)
- ✦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ✦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 Shelnut)
- ✦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