

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 19

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, February 21

4:00 Exercise Class

Youth Connection Ski Trip
February 21st -23rd

Wednesday, February 22

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, February 25

8:00 Men's Breakfast and Study

Sunday, February 26

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Check Your Directory Listing

There is a directory printed out in the narthex on the round table. Please check your listing. Add or correct where needed. If you are new and there is not a listing, sign the list on the clipboard.

Come join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the **Foundation Builders classroom** for a discussion of practices of the Christian faith including topics such as Prayer, Church, Worship, Food, Sacraments, Money, Service and Community. Each session has a 10 min. video introduction which is followed up by a lively discussion. Each topic takes a few weeks. We would love to have you join us at any time; you don't have to start at the beginning jump in whenever you can. Spread the word and invite a friend!

Presbyterian Women's Worship Service

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, members of the Presbyterian Women Circles of our church will have their Women's Day worship service at 11:00 a.m. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, President of the Columbia Theological Seminary, and members of the three Circles—Elizabeth, Martha, and Ruth—will take active parts in the service.

An all-ladies choir will present the anthem, and we are inviting willing, singing members of our congregation to participate in this. Three rehearsals will take place after service on February 19th, 26th, and March 5th; after which we'll be ready to sing.

The entire congregation is invited to attend a luncheon after the service on March 12, with an urgent need for reservations — **which are mandatory**—to be made no later than March 5th.

Please indicate your willingness to:

- ◆ lunch with us by reserving your place, and/or
- ◆ sing with us

by writing your names on the sheets provided in the Narthex each Sunday (1 for lunch and 1 for singing).

2016 Offering Statements are ready to be picked up. They are in a box in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking yours home with you saves 49 cents each in mailing costs. That's good stewardship! You may also log on to *Realm* and print your own!



Vacation Bible School
Save the Date!
June 12 - 16, 2017

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 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

February suggested donations are: canned meats, chicken, beef, stews, spam, ham (no tuna)

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:
Billy Fortson

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the
Alan Bunn	Music Director		Early Learning Center



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2017

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

David Paxton

Break Forth, Ye Heavens!

Edward Broughton

Go Forward in Faith

Franklin Ritter

INTROIT

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart: "Be strong, do not fear. Here is your God.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!

✦ HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

This hymn was written by the noted preacher Harry Emerson Fosdick for the dedication of the Rockefeller financed Riverside Church in New York City in 1930. Fosdick called it his Revival Hymn for the church's need of courage.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 51:17

"It is a broken spirit you want -- remorse and penitence.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Freedom and Peace, you have called us to be a Shalom people--set free to bring peace among nations and to love one another. We confess that we have not always lived out our calling. Out of fear, we have ignored the challenges of witness and the opportunities for peacemaking. We avoid controversy. We refuse to speak up for the truth. We are too tolerant of war and violence. We are people divided against ourselves -- as a church and as a nation. We cling to the values of our broken world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy

upon us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BALM IN GILEAD
Hymn 792, refrain
***There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.***

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Shadow Chase Robert D. Vandall
Gracie Kate Bates, piano

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 65:17-19, 23-25
Luke 21:5-10, 25-28

SERMON The Rev. Larry Kennon
Revival When the Sky is Falling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
This popular revival hymn was written by Charles Wesley, the Father of Methodist congregational singing in 1739 to commemorate the first anniversary of Charles Wesley's conversion on Pentecost Sunday.

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Psalm 46
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah
Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts* Traditional

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Hymn 69, *HERE I AM*, stanza 3 and refrain
***I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**Lord, you spoil us with Your blessings.
You say Yes to us all the time.
You say Yes to us in creation of life around us.
You say Yes to us in our birth.
You say Yes to us in our baptism.
You say Yes to us in keeping this church alive and witnessing.**

So, today, make us Your Yes people: to say Yes in our stewardship of Your enfleshed Yes in Your son Jesus. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace*
This hymn is probably the most popular hymn ever sung--especially in revivals. Written in 1772 by John Newton, who sailed with ships which sold slaves and he himself had been a beggar on the streets.

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE HOLY MANNA
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Jubilee Suite: Promenade* Gordon Young

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ **The Rev. Larry Kennon** is our guest preacher today.
✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading 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.
✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.



Please update your prayer requests this week!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office,
770-786-7321

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Joel Kitchens-kidney stone	† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Josh Davis-home	† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
† Anderson Krieger-Chemo next week at Scottish Rite	† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Rod Pruner-home, recovering from gall bladder surgery	† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)	† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Mary Bollinger -pacemaker; home with daughter Janie's family	† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Debi (Dee) Selin-Guillain-Barré Syndrome, physical therapy	† Jan Coulon-home
† Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)	† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Nat Long - diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Jose Luis Trujillo Herera-heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)	† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
† Sam Hay, Jr.-recovering from knee surgery	† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder	† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
† Ursula Kaminski-cancer	Riverside
† Fran Prince-chemotherapy	† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	† Martha Borders
† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)	† Rita Harrell
† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer	Merryvale
† Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, doing well-thanks for your prayers!	† Guy McGiboney
† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Bill Taylor
† Louise Strickland-home	† Betty Robinson
† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	† Louise White
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	† Betty Goins
	† Hughie Hudson
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