



# Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2021

## Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



## Gathering As God's Beloved People

### GATHERING MUSIC

*We Three Kings  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Phillip Keveren  
Richard S. Willis  
Garth Edmundson

### PRELUDE

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Michael J. Glasgow

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O you people.

**We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!**

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

**The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us!**

#### ✦ HYMN 147 (stanzas 1-4)

*The First Nowell*

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#### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

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**Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic. We trade your goodness for ashes. We trade your peace for control. We trade your promise for certainty. Gather us to you and return us to your abundant mercy; may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls. Amen.**

#### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Church, We are forgiven!  
**We are free to try again.**

#### ✦ 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.**

## Proclaiming the Word

### WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

### ANTHEM

*The Prayer* by Foster, Sager, Testa, and Remus  
Janet Carmichael and Jennifer Fogarty

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

*Responding to the Word*

✦HYMN 610 (stanzas 1,2,5) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

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.**

OFFERTORY

✦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 GRATITUDE

author: Thom Shuman

*Being the Church in the World*

✦SENDING HYMN 159 (stanzas 1 and 2) *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Jacques Lemmens

**Worship Notes**

**We welcome Rev. David Payne as our guest preacher today.**

**Friendship Registers**

There are Friendship registers in each pew. We ask that you sign in each week that you attend. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership signing in helps us with a way to contact you. The registers are also our way to know who to call in the case of a Covid-19 exposure. Thanks!

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**Serving Today:**

**Liturgists:** Jim Patrick and Bill Cobham; **Worship Chair:** Stephanie Scarborough  
**Tech Team:** Brad Phillips, Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins; **Acolyte:** Jon Paschal;  
**Usher Chair:** Stephanie Scarborough

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Kim Bailey-tests (family of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
- ✦ Melissa-cancer (friend of the congregation)
- ✦ Susan Crane-friend of Darcel Tabb
- ✦ Denny Dobbs-recovering from surgery
- ✦ Fred Calalay (friend of Angela Gilmer)
- ✦ Audrey Harper Arwood-back pain (daughter of Pat Harper)
- ✦ Saba Tanner-cancer treatment (friend of Warren & Jeanie Liem)
- ✦ Jennifer Magnan-stillborn child (niece of Barbara Martin)
- ✦ Alton Cochran-skin cancer surgery, 11/24 (outpatient)
- ✦ Jean Wolverton-See updates at Caring Bridge. Link in the Enews
- ✦ Cathy Martin-breast cancer-chemotherapy (sister-in-law of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Jeff Terrell-recovering from medical procedure (friend of Steve & Louly Kapp)
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ✦ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ✦ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ✦ Beverly Beasley-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ✦ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ✦ Wilford Reed-health issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's, breast cancer treatment (sister of Danny Vining)
- ✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)

- ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

### Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Travis Moss-Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Penny Blakeney-home
- ✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ✦ Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ✦ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ✦ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ✦ Louise White-Merryvale

### Military Service

- ✦ Koen Ardis-Navy
- ✦ Lee Scarborough-Army
- ✦ Billy Scarborough-Marines



### Condolences

We pray for the family of **Jay Milton** who died on December 18th. Jay is the nephew of **Julie Mackenzie**.

Our prayers are with **Faye and Joel Kitchens** upon the death of Joel's cousin, **Mandy Randall Anderson**.

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org) or by clicking the "Email Peni" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Requests will be removed after 3 weeks if not updated. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

### Keep the APNC in Your Prayers

Those serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Jodi Walden Atkins; Dana Hall; Judy Hooten; Steve Kapp; Randy Layton; Pam Stillerman & Bob Tabb.

### Interested in Joining the Church?

If you're interested in joining the FPC church family, you are welcome to reach out to Neeley. You can enjoy a coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:

by email: [neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);  
 By phone: 770-786-7321,  
 please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane *Senior Pastor*  
 Alisa Castilla *Seminary Intern*  
 Alice Walker *CAGO, AAGO*  
 Peni Kehoe *Organist/Ambassador Choir*  
 Church Administrator

*Caring for Our Children in the Nursery*  
 Danielle Schubert  
 Beverley Beasley  
 Amiah Williams  
 Ian Rein  
 Kennedy Lynn

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

### Class of 2021

Jay Lanners  
 Warren Liem  
 Cindy Moon  
 Pam Stillerman  
 Cy Wolverton

### Class of 2022

Aubrey Evans  
 John McCarthy  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Trista Hooten Wilson

### Class of 2023

Stan Hall  
 Louly Hay Kapp  
 Ed Perkerson  
 Bob Tabb

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# Activities In the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, January 2 Christmas 2

No Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### Monday, January 3

Church office closed

### Tuesday, January 4

10:00 Elizabeth Ann Circle on Zoom  
10:30 Martha Circle at Pily Waetzig's home  
4:00 Finance Meeting on Zoom

### Wednesday, January 5

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
5:30 Called Session Meeting

### Sunday, January 9 Epiphany 1

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
Annual Congregational Meeting

### Children's Sunday School

10:00am

Sunday School Room Downstairs  
Teachers: Rotation Model  
Interested in teaching?  
email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org)

### Youth Sunday School

10:00am

Youth Room Downstairs  
Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

### Adult Sunday School

10:00am

Foundations Class, downstairs

**No Sunday School Classes on January 2nd!**

### Nursery for Children

We have a nursery available for children newborn—1st grade. It is located on the lower level. Ask an usher to direct you. Children are also welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pew.

### Worship Bags for Children

The bags are labeled with children's name tags clipped to their bag and they are invited to use the same bag every time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers we have bags labeled "Child of God." The bags are hanging on a rack on the right side of the narthex.

### Presbyterian Women

Elizabeth Ann Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 4 at 10 am on Zoom to discuss lesson five: Ruth and Redemption.

Martha Circle Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10:30 am-1 pm. at Pily Waetzig's home.  
8154 Woodland Ave. Covington  
Sherri Bolton will facilitate lesson five.

### "Women On-The-Go"

#### Monthly Book Study

January 12, 2022

5:45 pm-7:15 pm @ Church Parlor  
Childcare Provided  
(Read the final chapters)

### Choir News

The sanctuary choir is not currently rehearsing. Handbell choir will resume on January 12th, with childcare available.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, January 9th, immediately following the worship service.

### Newton Trails and FPC!

We are called to be stewards of creation! We have "Adopted-A-Spot" on Newton Trails! Trail clean-up will be the FIRST Tuesday of every month at 10:30am. For more information contact John McCarthy or email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org).

### New Address:

**Cy & Jean Wolverton**  
75 Magnolia Street  
Roswell, GA 30075