



*Second Sunday
after Epiphany
January 16, 2022*



Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able

Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*Let Us Break Bread Together
All Things Now Living
Variations on "Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

Stephen Nielsen
David Cherwien
HENDON

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

by Tom Shuman

We come this day, Precious God,
as people in need of your steadfast love:
**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**
We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:
**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**
We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:
**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

✦ HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

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by Erik Alsgaard

**Lord, we need a miracle today.
Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,
we need a miracle today.
We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.
We are discouraged
in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.
We need a miracle today, Lord.
Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,
will not be moved.
Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,
cannot be counted.
Your glory, like a mighty torch,
will not be put out.
Lord, crown us with your love.**

Show us your glory,
that in you we may be moved
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.
Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✠RESPONSE 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be With you.
And Also with You.

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

HYMN

Jesus Love the Little Children

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

The Best Is Yet to Come

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

SOLO

When You Believe

Ansley Stewart, vocal Rick Lollar, guitar

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

**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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raise Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.**

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Patrick Carmichael

HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Church, you are invited to partake with bread and cup upon hearing the words “The Gifts of God for the People of God.” We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together. One bread, One Body! (instructions for in-person communion are provided for you with your individual communion elements.)

SOLO

Light of the World
Ansley Stewart

by Lauren Daigle

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Being the Church in the World

✦SENDING HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ELLACOMBE

Graham Ross

Worship Notes

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!

Serving Today:

We welcome **Ansley Stewart and Rick Lollar** as our guest musicians for today's worship.

Tech Team: Brad Phillips, Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins; **Acolyte:** Kately Lane;

Usher Chair: Stephanie Scarborough

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OXFORD COLLEGE
PRESENTS

A CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF
**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.**

JANUARY 18, 2022
7:30PM
<https://emory.zoom.us/j/96100787224>

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 Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Gladys Phillips-eye surgery (mother of Brad Phillips)
- ✦ William Stark-mother was murdered (friend of Brad Phillips)
- ✦ Virginia Martin-intestinal problems (granddaughter of Chris & Barbara Martin)
- ✦ Bernice Bailey-recent fall
- ✦ Kim Bailey-tests (family of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
- ✦ Melissa-cancer (friend of the congregation)
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Jean Wolverton-See updates at Caring Bridge.
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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



New Address:
 Cy & Jean Wolverton
 Historic Roswell Place
 75 Magnolia Street
 Roswell, GA 30075

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: 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;
 By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

Do you have a mobile phone or a tablet?

If so, you can download the bulletin on your device to follow the service and save paper. If you pick up a paper bulletin please remember to recycle it here or at home! The environment will thank you! (Please do put your device on silent!)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane Alisa Castilla Alice Walker Peni Kehoe	<i>Senior Pastor</i> <i>Seminary Intern</i> CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Church Administrator</i>	<i>Caring for Our Children in the Nursery</i> Danielle Schubert Beverley Beasley Amiah Williams Ian Rein Kennedy Lynn
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2022 Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson	Class of 2023 Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb	Class of 2024 Pat Harper Brad Phillips Curtis Watson
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DEACONS

Day Kennon Eleanor Scarborough Darcel Tabb Alice Walker
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Activities In the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 16 Epiphany 2

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 18

12:00 Lectio Divina Bible Study (parlor)
6:00 The Art of Living Study on Zoom
7:30 MLK, Jr. Presentation on Zoom

Wednesday, January 19

2:00-5:00 Deacon Retreat
6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

6:00 Theology on Tap at Bread and Butter

Saturday, January 22

10:00-2:00 Elder Retreat

Sunday, January 23 Epiphany 3

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Installation & Ordination
of Elders and Deacons
7:00 Jammies and Jesus and zoom

Children's Sunday School

10:00am
Sunday School Room Downstairs
Teachers: Rotation Model
Interested in teaching?
email info@fpccov.org

Youth Sunday School

10:00am
Youth Room Downstairs
Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

Adult Sunday School

10:00am
Foundations Class, downstairs

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.

Handbell Choir News

Handbell choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays at 6

Mark Your Calendar for Meals on Wheels

The next date on which we will distribute meals is Saturday, January 29th. We meet at the church Fellowship Hall at 9:30.

The Art of Living Study Group

Tuesday evenings starting January 11th
6:00 pm on Zoom (see Enews for link)
Resource: Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living
Weekly Topics: Identity, God, Love, Suffering, Freedom
Facilitators include: Judy Davis, Dan Walden, Alisa Castilla, Pat Harper, and Larry Kennon
Books are \$14. Email info@fpccov.org if you would like a book!

Basket for Teacher Treats for Fairview Elementary

There will be a red basket for collecting treats for teachers in the narthex each week. Place your prepackaged treats in the basket by noon on Thursdays for delivery to the teachers on Fridays.

Next book for Women on the Go

Brene Brown's *Daring Greatly!*
Contact Neeley for book \$12
Starts Feb 7 5:45pm
in church parlor.

