



*Third Sunday
after Epiphany
January 23, 2022*



Order of Worship

✦Stand as able

Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
There Is a Balm in Gilead
Lord of the Dance*

Myra Schubert
Robert Lau
19th Century Shaker Melody

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Joseph Haydn

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

One: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

All: Fix our eyes on you, O Lord!

One: the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

All: Fix our eyes on you, O Lord!

One: the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

All: Fix our eyes on you, O Lord!

One: the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

All: Fix our eyes on you, O Lord!

One: Let us worship, Holy God!

✦HYMN 388

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

(All Children are invited to come up and play instruments!)

First Round: Ansley Stewart

Second Round: Font Side

Third Round: Playground Side

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦CONFESSION

by Nancy C. Townley

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction.

Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✦RESPONSE 772 (stanzas 1 & 2) *Live Into Hope* TRURO
Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee! Live into Hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be With you.
And Also with You.

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Michael W. Smith
Ansley Stewart

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

SERMON *Fixed on Jesus* Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

SOLO *Carry Your Candle* Chris Rice
Ansley Stewart

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

Being the Church in the World

✦SENDING HYMN *Let Justice Flow Down* Douglas Romanow

Refrain:

Let justice flow down, down like a river. Down to the valleys where the helpless cry, Righteousness flow through us forever, lead us to the stream that will never run dry.

1. *Flow down to the mouths of the hungry, flow to the hands of the poor, flow to the hearts of the orphans, to the ravages of war.*

Refrain

2. *Flow to the streets of the homeless, finding no place they can go, flow to the cells of prisoners, facing each day alone.*

Refrain

3. Flow through the courts of our nation, guide us in loves decrees, lead us like streams of salvation, flood our lands with peace.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

David Cherwien

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** as our guest musician for today's worship.

Tech Team: Brad Phillips, Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins; **Acolyte:** Harry Hawkins;

Usher Chair: Stephanie Scarborough

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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)
- ✦ 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 extend our prayers and sympathy to Chuck and Sherry Brasher upon the death of their grandson, Brandon Massey, who died on January 17, after a long battle with cancer. We pray for his parents, Chris and Bonnie Massey.

Celebration!

Congratulations to Darcel & Bob Tabb on their 8th grandchild! **Silas Charles Hall** was born January 19th. His parents are Mackenzie & Justin Hall.

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

DEACONS

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	Day Kennon (2022) Eleanor Scarborough (2023) Darcel Tabb (2024) Alice Walker (2022)
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Activities In the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 23 Epiphany 3

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service with Installation & Ordination of Elders and Deacons

Tuesday, January 25

12:00 Lectio Divina Bible Study (parlor)

6:00 The Art of Living Study on Zoom

Wednesday, January 26

6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 29

9:30 Meals on Wheels

Sunday, January 30 Epiphany 4

10:00 Sunday School

7:00 Jammies and Jesus on 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 6pm. Childcare is available.

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 AM. Speak with Curtis Watson for more information.

The Art of Living Study Group

Tuesday evenings 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 7th at 5:45pm
in the church parlor.



Newton Community Food Pantry

Our Community Food Pantry is open
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

Donations are welcome.

Contact: Bernice Bailey 770-784-0037

7125 Turner Lake Cir SW, Covington, GA 30014

Jammies and Jesus

FPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY EVENINGS

ON ZOOM @ 7:00PM

BEDTIME PRAYERS + MORE!