

Easter Day

April 12, 2020



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton
The Oxford Youth Singers

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Sanctified Art

One: We recognize the wilderness in the world. We trust that God is near.

All: **We hold on to hope. We hold on to each other. We sing, "Alleluia!" Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We trust that love is stronger than hate. We celebrate! We sing! We trust that nothing can separate us from God's love! God has brought us out of the darkness.

All: **God has made us light to the world! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen today! Let us worship the living God!**

✦ HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from Sanctified Art

God of new life, we come to you confessing that we are guilty of creating emotional wilderness spaces— Spaces of raised voices and slamming doors, of judgments passed and accusations cast, Of cold shoulders and deep regret. We create these spaces when we feel threatened, afraid, or ashamed, Which is far too often given the promises you make to us. So draw us back to the beginning—where you created and it was good. Smooth over our wilderness scars and fill our veins with your love; For like the disciples on that Easter morning, we are running toward you. Help us to hold on to the transformational joy you give this day and every day. Alleluia, Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

There is also a special pre-recorded message for children under Worship Resources on our website. Check it out!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, You have always been one who disrupts. You interrupt suffering to bring peace. You interrupt isolation to create community. You interrupt silence with the sound of alleluias. So today we ask that you would interrupt us. Stop us in our tracks with the good news that only you offer. Freeze time and move and dance among us, so that we can hear your word anew until the sound of alleluias ring in our ears. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Lane

Wilderness Wanderings: Easter Joy!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, indeed we are an Easter people! May the gifts we give and the lives we live reflect Easter joy bearing witness to all of God's creation. We pray this day our offerings will ring of the good news of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

✠DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Hymn 606)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is 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

Communion

You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All Thanks be to God!

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♠HYMN 245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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♠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah from "Messiah"

G. F. Handel



Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Announcements and prayer concerns are on the following pages.

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering: Text FPCCOV to 73256

See below for details and other ways to give.

We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

Giving by Text: Text **FPCCOV** to **73256** to give using your text messaging. If you made a pledge for 2020, choose "2020 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "Flowers-all", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

Other ways to give:

You may continue to give by mailing checks to the church, dropping your offering in our mailbox (open the box and drop it in, then close the box, or by giving on-line.

To use Realm visit <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgiving>

1. Log-in with your email and password
 2. When your page opens click on "Giving" on the left-side menu
 3. At the top click on +giving tab
 4. Fill out form with amount and fund (you can change it to any fund by clicking on the menu arrow)
 5. If you pledge you need it to say "2020 pledge"; or non-pledge or choose another fund
 6. Click continue when you've filled out that page;
 7. On the next page you can choose a credit card or bank; continue to put in account information
- After you complete that the program leads you into clicking through the process and then "finish"

Call the church office if you need help. If you've never set up a Realm account (or forgotten your password), Peni can send you a link to do that. Be sure after you've entered your log-in information to save the page to your favorites so you can click on it to go back to the site when you want to access it again.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆Nathan Alley-deployed with FEMA (husband of ELC Director Darlene Alley)
- ◆Gena McClendon-chemotherapy (Director of Merryvale Assisted Living)
- ◆Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆Lee Scarborough - grandson of Wayne & Eleanor Scarborough, nephew of Stephanie Scarborough is a medic in the Army Reserves called for duty.
- ◆Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆Warren Liem-home, recovering from broken hip with home rehab
- ◆Chris Martin-recovering from cataract surgery
- ◆Tricia Hinton-recovering at home
- ◆Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆Olaava Mackenzie-stranded in Thailand due to the Corona virus situation (daughter of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ◆Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ◆Roger Tingle-hip surgery
- ◆Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ◆Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ◆Noah Hicks-recovering from knee surgery
- ◆Wilford Reed-daughter was in car

- accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ◆Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
- ◆Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ◆Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ◆Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of **Ed Crudup** who died on April 8th, especially for his daughters, Emily and Anne.

Independent and Assisted Living

- ◆Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks
- ◆Jean Elder-The Oaks
- ◆Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ◆Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Worship Notes

- ◆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.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

We give thanks for those who have volunteered to serve by providing technical assistance with broadcasting the worship service.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
Sunday, April 12 Easter Day 11:00 Worship Service (prerecorded)	Sunday, April 19 Easter 2 11:00 Worship Service (prerecorded)

Christian Education Offerings

There will be no on-line Christian Education offered on Easter Sunday, but it will return on April 19.

New offering for adults beginning April 19: Podcasts and Prayer

All are invited to explore an episode of a new podcast each week from a perspective of faith as we share in dialogue and prayer together! Join on Zoom at 10:00am or find a discussion guide on our website. For April 19, find and listen to **"Finding Fred" Episode 3: Break, Don't Bend.**

Here's where to find our offerings:

Children: **Sunday School** from Dan and Perri (available on-line)

Youth: **Zoom Sunday School** with Pam, Jim and Kimmy at noon

Adults: **Zoom Sunday School** with Neeley at 10:00am

Other Ways to Connect During the Week

Story Time with Kimmy on Facebook Live Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm. Neeley will offer reflections on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the website: www.fpccov.org. You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

Family Care Shoppers

We recognize many of our members are fearful of going out in public during this time. Therefore, some church members have volunteered to be your personal care shopper. If you are in need of food and/or other household items please contact Neeley and we will get what you need on your doorstep. If you are willing to join the shoppers in shopping/distribution, please let Neeley know.

Volunteer with the First United Methodist Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer.

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 virtual 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, leave a message, please.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF		
Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Alice Walker
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert <i>Nursery</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
MEMBERS OF SESSION		
Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Doug Bolton	Jay Lanners	Aubrey Evans
Stan Hall	Warren Liem	John McCarthy
Cindy Moon	Pam Stillerman	Stephanie Scarborough
Bob Tabb	Donna Weesner	Trista Hooten Wilson
Allie Hay	Cy Wolverton	



Easter Outreach

Easter Flowers and Witness

The flowers are given to the glory of God in witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Donations above the cost of flowers will go to support "Change the World Day". The lilies will be delivered to some members of the congregation as a blessing for this Easter day!

In Memory of:

Jim Elder & Sandy Elder
Ed Crudup
Donald & Katherine Stephenson
Bill Taylor
Hyman & Marguerite Stillerman,
David Stillerman,
Arnold & Evelyn Underwood

Given by:

The Elder Family
Doug & Sherri Bolton
Mason Stephenson
Martha Taylor

Pam & Jim Stillerman

In Thanksgiving for:

Terri, Russ & Scott Elder
Neeley, Kimmy and Peni
Members of the church as they
deal with the Covid 19 crisis
Cindy & Joe Moon (gratitude)
Bernice & Betty Bailey (friendship)
Their Family
In Thanksgiving

Given by:

Jean Elder
Martha Taylor

Jeff & Julie Mackenzie

Warren & Jeanie Liem
Jay & Buncie Lanners
Gary & Susan Boteler

