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*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 26, 2020*

*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*      Christopher Tambling

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

One: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

All: **My heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

One: You show me the path of life.

All: **In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

One: Break through and meet us here! Stay with us here! Our hearts are burning!

All: **Let us worship the Living God!**

✦ HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

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✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Eastertide, you walk with us, and yet we fail to recognize you. You speak to us, but we neglect to listen. You dine with us, but we do not allow you to be the host at our tables. You open our minds to your living word, but we decline your call to witness. Forgive us of our brokenness, so that we might live as witnesses of the Resurrection. Abide with us along the road as you walk with us, talk with us, and tell us we are your own. Amen.**

✦RESPONSE

LORD OF THE DANCE

Hymn 157 *I Danced in the Morning*

***Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he; and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance said he.***

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-49

SERMON

*An Intervening God*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

✦HYMN 252

*Day of Arising*

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✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 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.**

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, you have opened our minds to the scriptures. You have revealed yourself to us in the ordinary and in the extraordinary. We pray these offerings of our lives will break through bearing witness to your glory. May these gifts proclaim the Resurrection witness you call us to bear to all peoples. Amen.**

***BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD***

✦ HYMN 837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy*

SHOWALTER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Strife Is O'er*

Alan Bullard

✦ Stand if able.

Then beginning with Moses  
and all the prophets, he interpreted  
to them the things about himself in  
all the scriptures. Luke 24:27, NRSV



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 to: 73256

Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send

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:** Send to: **73256** Text message should say **FPCCOV** (then press send) 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 (i.e. flowers or food pantry)
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 (you can set up an auto pay for weekly or monthly)

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*

- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-hospice (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Gene Bates-hospital for tests (father of Kevin Bates)
- ◆ Bob Lange-heart procedure 4/27 (member of Ambassador Choir)
- ◆ Nathan Alley-deployed with FEMA (husband of ELC Director Darlene Alley)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-hip surgery
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ 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)

- ◆ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ 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

### *Independent and Assisted Living*

- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ 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](http://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.

### **Prayers and Sympathy**

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of **Maxine Blankenship** who died April 21st. A burial service was held on Friday, April 24th.

### **Praises!**

- ◇ Olaava Mackenzie, daughter of Jeff & Julie, has been able to return to her teaching post in China.
- ◇ For all who have been volunteering to serve our community during this time.
- ◇ For Congregational Life and Care for launching a Stories of Faith initiative (check it out on Instagram).

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p><b>Sunday, April 26 Easter 3</b>            11:00 Worship Service            (prerecorded-link to watch together below)  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93037027206">https://zoom.us/j/93037027206</a></p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 28</b>            5:30 Session Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 3 Easter 4 and Youth Sunday</b>            11:00 Worship Service            (prerecorded-link to watch together below)  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/96770243346">https://zoom.us/j/96770243346</a></p>

## Christian Education Offerings

### Offering for Adults: Podcasts and Prayers

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 26: ["The Daily" - A Bit of Relief: Alone Together](#)

For May 3: [The Happiness Lab with Dr. Laurie Santos](#)

Here's where to join in:

**Children:** [Sunday School](#) with Dan and Perri

**Youth:** Sunday at Noon on [Zoom](#) (for April 26)

**Adults:** Sunday at 10:00am on [Zoom](#) (for April 26)

### 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 at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the website: [www.fpccov.org](http://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](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);

By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	Senior Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Kimmy Briggs	Director of		Organist/Ambassador Choir
	Family Ministries	Danielle Schubert	Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Church Administrator	Darlene Alley	Director of the
Krista Firkus	Music Director		Early Learning Center

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

### Class of 2020

Doug Bolton  
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 Cindy Moon  
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 Allie Hay

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