



Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 11:00am

Order of Worship
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Lift High the Cross
Alice Walker, organ
Glorious Is Thy Name
Jim Patrick, trombone Alice Walker, piano

Jeffrey Honoré

W. A. Mozart

PRELUDE

The Honors of Thy Name
Jim Patrick, trombone Alice Walker, organ

Tom Fettke

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

This day is like every other day.
Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed.
Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.
And yet this day, is like no other day—
For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle.
The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.
The longest night is over.
Death has lost its sting.
Jesus is among us.
Alleluia! Amen.
Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise.
We have seen our neighbors suffer and have withheld our aid.
We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.
We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.
God, your love is like the sun.

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

RESPONSE HYMN 231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* SUO GAN
Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is Risen, Christ is present making us what he has been: evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION by Brett Myers

We are an Easter people! We believe that faith can move mountains, and that caterpillars can be transformed into butterflies. We trust that with your grace present, even the smallest act of kindness, the shortest practice of goodness, or the slightest gesture of generosity can have significance well beyond all expectations. With that faith, we rise. With that faith, we are resurrected into new life. With that faith, we give – freely and joyfully. And so now we give, out of what we have, to bless those who have not, in order to bear witness to, and to inspire, a spirit of resurrection – in ourselves, and in others. Let us flutter and fly like butterflies on the wings of the Risen Christ, beautifying our lives and our world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel

*All adapted from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

We welcome to our Easter Sunday service Jim Patrick, trombonist. Jim is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Covington. He is a member of the Handbell Choir and of the Sanctuary Choir. Jim has been a member of the Covington Community Band for 28 years. He is a retired Engineer from Southern Company. Thank you, Jim, for your beautiful musical contributions to our service.

We welcome Bill Cobham, trombonist. Bill is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Covington. He has played with the Covington/Conyers Community Orchestra for 18 years. He retired from the United States Customs Department. Thank you, Bill, for playing so beautifully for our service this morning.

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

We have re-introduced the Children's Worship bags. For our "known" children they have a name tag clipped to the 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". If our visitors plan to return they may request an individually labeled bag from one of our ushers. The bags are hanging on a rack on the right side of the narthex.



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!)

Activities in the Life of the Church

RSVP Required for In-person Worship: You may RSVP by using the link in our **Mid-Week First Press** (Enews) or by contacting the church office by NOON on THURSDAY of each week. Please only register for one Sunday at a time. You DO NOT have to print tickets.

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fpc-sunday-worship-at-1100am-tickets-142586777891>

The Cathedral of St. Philip: Outdoor Labyrinth

Faith and Fellowship Team invites you to spend a morning walking the outdoor labyrinth at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Thursday, April 15th. Our time to walk the labyrinth is 10:30am. If you would like to caravan together please contact Cindy Moon or email info@fpccov.org

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.

The **Newton Co. Community Food Pantry** has reopened! They are now taking donations of non-perishable food and things like soap and tissue paper. You may take items to 7125 Turner Lake Circle on Wednesdays or Fridays between 9:00-11:30 or bring them to the church. They are also taking financial donations which you may give to the church or directly to the Food Pantry. Put Food Pantry in the memo space of your check or choose Food Pantry for the fund if you give through REALM or text.



Ringers Rejoice!



The handbell choir rehearses on **Wednesdays at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. We welcome all previous and current ringers and any people who are interested in joining us! You may contact Krista Firkus at kfirkus42@gmail.com if you have questions or call 470-444-1269.

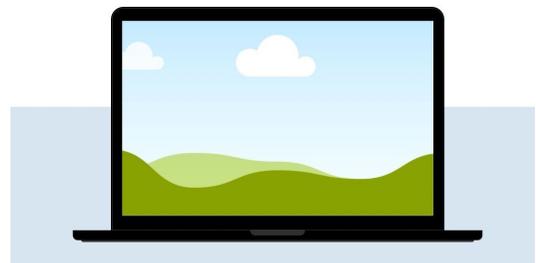
The Art of Reading Scripture Called Lectio Divina.

Beginning, April 13th at Noon, every Tuesday you are invited to join Neeley in prayerfully considering the upcoming week's worship scripture reading. We will participate in an art of reading scripture called Lectio Divina. You are welcome to gather in the Church Parlor or on Zoom.



Website Update

We have updated our church website!
Check out our FPC virtual Front Door:
www.fpccov.org



Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday

7:00 Sunrise Easter Worship Service
11:00 Worship Service
(Livestream link provided the in Weekly Enews)

Tuesday, April 6

7:00 Bible Study on The Book of Acts on zoom

Wednesday, April 7

10:00 Coffee & Conversation (bring your own)
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 11 Easter 2

10:00 Adult Sunday School—link below
10:00 Youth Sunday School
10:00 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
(Livestream link provided the in Weekly enews)
7:00 Jammies and Jesus (link below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781>

Meeting ID: 821 9105 6781

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School is a casual time of conversation and fellowship. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so if you miss a week, come back the next! Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 10:00am. Please enter through the Sanctuary doors to then proceed to the fellowship hall.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852010376> Meeting ID: 838 5201 0376

Youth Sunday School is led by Pam and Jim Stillerman and offers a time of connection and of studying scripture. Youth Sunday will meet **in person in the Youth Room**. Please enter through Sanctuary doors to then proceed to your class.

Children's Sunday School is offered each week by Dan and Perri Walden. Sunday school lessons are posted on Facebook and an online link will be available on Sunday mornings each week. Sunday school will also be provided in-person at 10:00am in the Green Room! Please enter through the Sanctuary doors.

Zoom Bible Study Begins April 6th

A study of the Book of Acts will begin on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00pm. They will use the study book "Life Lessons from Acts" by Max Lucado which you may obtain from Amazon. The link for the study is in our mid-week *First Press* on-line newsletter. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86337019579>

Family Promise Easter Egg Tree

To help supply Move-in Kits for families moving into their own home you may take an Easter Egg from our Easter Tree in the entrance of the Sanctuary! Each Egg has an item on it to shop and donate! Please return to our Easter Tree by April 11.

Do-nut Worry, Be Happy!

The Faith and Fellowship Team would like to invite YOU for "Coffee and Conversation" on Wednesday mornings in April. We'll be getting together in the Fellowship Hall (socially distanced and masked) from **10am-11am** to catch up with friends! Love-a-Latte if you'd join us on Wednesday April 7, 14, 21, and 28! For more information contact Cindy Moon.

Church Directory

If you are in need of a current church directory you can pick one up from the narthex "ushers" sideboard or you can email Peni and she will send you a copy via email. admin@fpccov.org



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO	Kennedy Lynn	<i>Nursery</i>
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2021 Jay Lanners Warren Liem Pam Stillerman Cy Wolverton	Class of 2022 Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Cindy Moon Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson	Class of 2023 Cheryl Gibson Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb
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We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

You are invited to "Text to Give"
your offering: Text to: 73256
Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send
Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

If you made a pledge for 2021, choose "2021 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" "Food Pantry", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund. You now have the option to help offset the cost of on-line giving. Just check the space and use the suggested donation or put in what you'd like to give. Use this link for on-line giving: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/now>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆Brigham Arnold-broken thumb, fractured Wrist (soccer injuries)
- ◆Linda Boyd-recovering from back surgery (she is a former FPC member)
- ◆Angela Gregory-cancer, hospital in Scotland (aunt of Sarah Gregory)
- ◆Delores V. Knox-cardiac issues (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆Prayers for all participating in the 40 miles, 40 days Lenten Walk!
- ◆Patsy Freeman (sister of Judy Davis)
- ◆Paisley Freeman (great-niece of Judy Davis)
- ◆Steve Jones-cancer (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ◆Hulda McDonald-health issues (friend of Judy Davis)
- ◆Blair Weaver-health issues
- ◆Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ◆Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ◆Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆Nancy Smith-recovering at home (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆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)
- ◆Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Special Prayers

Piedmont Newton frontline workers as well as other medical staff. The hospital is very busy with helping sick patients, night and day. Please pray for their work and their safety.

Independent and Assisted Living

- ◆Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter (address available from church Office or on REALM)
- ◆Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Military Service

- ◆Koen Ardis-Navy
- ◆Lee Scarborough-Army
- ◆Billy Scarborough-Marines-basic training

Praises!

What a joy to see our children process in palms in person and from home! Thank you to all who participated!
Thank you to our Memorial Garden team for the pressure washing and new bench!



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. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

Worship Notes

- ◆Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ◆Music printed (and streamed) 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*

Tech Team: Dan Walden,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips
Ushers: Bob & Darcel Tabb,
Dana Hall



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February 17–April 4, 2020

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

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- + Text OGHs to 91999 to give

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



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of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ’s love for the whole church.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a congregational church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity

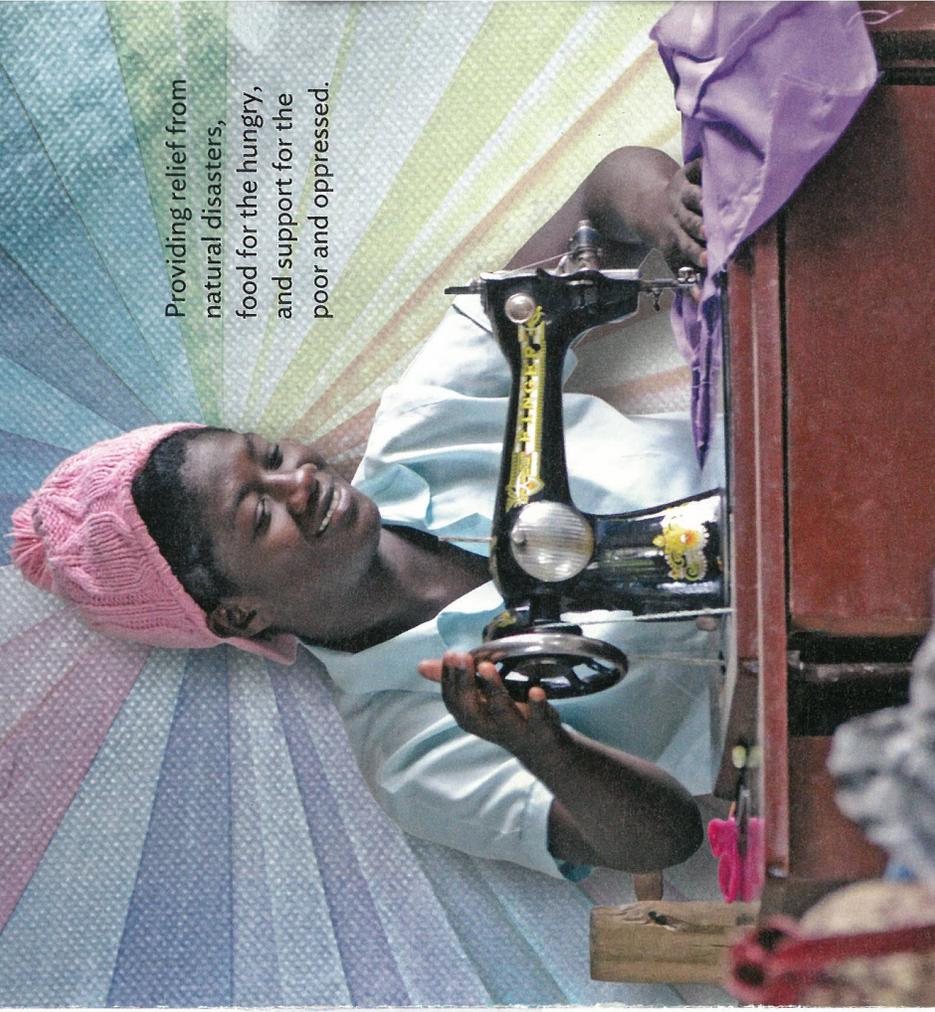


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YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

—ISAIAH 58

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.





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 Thornwell Homes.

In Memory of:

Beryl S. Evans
William & Evelyn Cobham
Samuel David Ramsey
Sapie & Mary Morcock
Charles & Grace Kennon
Our Parents
Arnold & Bonnie Tingler
Dale Tingler
Newt & Edna Hinton
Henry & Mary Lott, Kenneth Lott
Ursula Kaminski
JoAnn Crews
Reed Blakeney & Barbara Crews
James & Sandy Elder
Ann Bouchillon & Mary Bollinger
Our Parents
Margaret Wallace
Kathryn & Roger Wallace
Stephen Milton & Ian Knox-Dick
Donald & Katherine Stephenson
J.C. & Helen Moon
Billy & Betty Knight
L.J., Edna, Alberta & Okley
Dr. & Mrs. Hyman Stillerman
Mr. & Mrs J.A. Underwood
Mr. David Stillerman

In Thanksgiving for:

FPC Church Family
Stephanie & Chris Langston
Emery & Maya
Natalie & Brad Phillips
Jessica & Jason Vincent
Bill & Elizabeth Harwell
Penny Blakeney
Patrick & Janet Carmichael
FPC Staff
Our Children & Grandchildren
Siblings: Elizabeth, Laurin, George,
Steve, Dickie, Laura

Given by:

Bill Cobham

Ken & Alice Walker
Day & Larry Kennon

Jean & Cy Wolverton
Roger & Tootles Tingler

The Hinton Family

Leonard Kaminski
Tom Crews
Jack & Miriam Wheeler
The Elder Family

Stephanie & Billy Fortson
Gene Wallace

Jeff & Julie Mackenzie
Mason Stephenson
Cindy Moon

Carolyn & Curtis Watson
The Stillerman Family

Given by:

The Lane Family
Harry & Tricia Hinton

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Jack & Miriam Wheeler
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Stan & Dana Hall

Carolyn & Curtis Watson
Jeff & Julie MacKenzie

