



*The Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 15, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*Earth and All Stars
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

David Johnson
DARWELL'S 148TH
Ludwig van Beethoven

PRELUDE

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here!

We devote ourselves to the Lord's teaching.

We are here!

We gather to break bread and pray.

We are here!

We come in awe of God's awesome wonders.

We are here!

Teach us, Living God! We want to praise you!

✦ HYMN 394

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: You are invited! Bring a friend!

All: I will once I get back on schedule. My calendar is overwhelming.

One: You are invited! Bring a friend!

All: Next Sunday, yes I'll try it next Sunday. Does Sunday School apply to me? What will I get out of it? That is too early!

One: You are invited! Bring a friend!

All: I am sorry God. Take over my calendar. Remind me to set the alarm. Hold me accountable. I want to know you more. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Thine Is The Glory

arr. Susan E. Geschke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:37-47

SERMON

Bearing Fruit: Faith Formation

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PC(USA) Book of Order

We affirm the Great Ends of the Church:

**The Proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind;
The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual fellowship of the Children of God;
The Maintenance of Divine Worship;
The Preservation of the Truth;
The Promotion of Social Righteousness;
The Exhibition of The Kingdom of Heaven to the World.**

OFFERTORY

✦RESPONSE Hymn 36

AR HYDY NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

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.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Being the Church in the World

♠HYMN 838

Standing on the Promises of God

PROMISES

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

Worship Notes

Friendship Register

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!

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.

Serving Today:

Tech Team: Dan Walden & Brad Phillips; **Usher Chair:** Bob Tabb

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... they broke bread

at home and

ate their food

with glad and

generous hearts,

praising God and

having the goodwill of all

the people. Acts 2:46-47, NRSV

Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 15 Pentecost 12

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion
7:00 Jammies & Jesus on Zoom

Tuesday, August 17

12:00 Lectio Divina-Parlor
5:45 Sanctuary Choir
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 18

10:00 Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, August 22, Pentecost 13

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
7:00 Jammies and Jesus

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

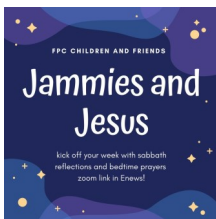
Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

Adult Sunday School

10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Bob Tabb,
Charles Ardis and Brad Phillips



Jammies and Jesus! Sunday Evenings at 7:00—7:15pm on Zoom

Jammies and Jesus is BACK!! Sunday evenings on Zoom. Invite a friend!

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

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays @ Noon in the Parlor!

Join us on Tuesday at noon to spend time studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture text!



Congregational Meeting—August 22

The Congregational meeting will be held at the end of the worship service for the purpose of electing Elders to the next class for Session and for electing members to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.



Presbyterian Women's Study Books

The Study books for the PW Circles have been ordered for all those who asked for one. When they arrive you will have to make arrangements to pick it up at the church office. They are \$11 and must be paid for at the time of pick-up. Make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put PW Book in the memo space.

Security Update at FPC

In efforts to improve the security of our building we have re-keyed the exterior doors. We have implemented a new policy for checking out keys for our facility. Please contact info@fpccov.org if you need to check out a key or Key Request Forms are available from the church office. Please make arrangements with Peni Kehoe to obtain your key.

A reminder: We have a new Building Usage Form to be completed for all events at FPC! Thank you for your understanding.

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

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Jane Parker-recovering from cataract surgery
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Danny Vining-knee replacement
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

- 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

Condolences

Prayers are with Neeley Lane and family upon the death of Neeley's grandfather, "Papa" Burnside. He died on Monday, August 2.

We also extend our prayers for Dave Gregory and Sarah Gregory upon the death of Dave's sister, Angela Gregory Maclean, who is Sarah's aunt. Angela died in Scotland on August 1, after a long battle with cancer.



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.

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;



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Courtney Pittman	<i>Seminary Intern</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Beverley Beasley	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO	Pauleen Green	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>			

MEMBERS OF SESSION

<p>Class of 2021</p> <p>Jay Lanners Warren Liem Cindy Moon Pam Stillerman Cy Wolverton</p>	<p>Class of 2022</p> <p>Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson</p>	<p>Class of 2023</p> <p>Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb</p>
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Health and Safety Update

Dear FPC Covington Church family,

Grace and Peace to you! Our Session met last night (August 11, 2021) to review the recommendations of our Health Team. The session unanimously approved the following guidelines and they will go into effect immediately.

Masks are required for Worship and all church activities for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

All are to practice proper social distancing as we respect one another's personal space.

Children will remain in their pews with their family units during the Children's Moment.

All are to practice proper handwashing.

Children's Sunday School will continue as usual. Youth Sunday school will now meet in the downstairs wing of the education building in their new space. Adult Sunday School will now meet in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments may be provided for youth and adults.

The choir will be temporarily suspended for this time. We will continue to participate in congregational singing since we will all be wearing masks.

We are postponing all planned large church gatherings with food at this time. Meetings and small groups may continue as normal with the wearing of masks and social distancing.

A representative from the Health Team attended a conference call on Monday, August 9, offered for faith communities by Piedmont Newton Hospital. The community message from our local hospital is as follows:

There has been a dramatic uptick in cases since July 4th but particularly in the last two weeks.

Do not congregate, the Delta Variant is 3-4 times more contagious.

Cases are skewing toward the younger population.

We mask to protect others. You can be unaware you are spreading the virus.

Almost 100% of cases currently in Piedmont Newton are unvaccinated people.

The vaccine is to prevent moderate/severe COVID with serious complications and even death.

Church, I know we are tired and frustrated. I know we long to live in a space post-COVID. I am grieving because many upcoming activities for our children and congregation need to be postponed until our community has a better handle on this virus. I also know loving one another well is what we are called to do at this moment. Jesus calls us to care for those who are sick and vulnerable. Jesus calls us to love and care for our children. Therefore, these measures are in response to our need to love and protect one another.

We are grateful for the good care and intentionality of our Health Team and Session.

Grateful to serve,

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane, Pastor

John McCarthy, Clerk of Session