



*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 16, 2020*

*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Matt Limbaugh

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When peace like a river attendeth my way

**All: Your steadfast love endures forever**

One: When sorrows like sea billows roll

**All: Your steadfast love endures forever**

One: Whatever happens, in life or in death

**All: Your steadfast love endures forever**

✦ HYMN 35 (stanza 1) *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you never waver in your covenant commitment, you never give up on us. And yet we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In your mercy, forgive us and direct us to walk in your ways. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE 462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

***I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

ANTHEM

*Even If*  
Krista Firkus

MercyMe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Selections from Daniel 3

SERMON

Rev. Kimmy Briggs  
Stories of Faith: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego  
"Even If"

## *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

✦HYMN 840 (verse 1)

*When Peace Like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Heidelberg Catechism (Question #28)

One: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from God's love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without God's will they can neither move nor be moved.**

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 (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, you have given us more than we could imagine. Receive these gifts as a token of our gratitude and multiply them so that your blessings might abound for all those in need. Amen.**

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

✦HYMN 838 (stanzas 1 & 4) *Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lead on, O King Eternal*

Joshua Evanovich

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give 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

### **Moving Forward:**

#### **Phases of Re-Opening Church Building**

On June 9th, the Session voted on timing and procedures for opening the church for worship and other activities. Currently we are in Phase 1 and the church building remains closed with worship being live-streamed. Please go to our website for the full document: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org). It is also printed in the June newsletter "First Press". This document gives an outline of reopening after declines in cases of the Covid-19 virus.

#### **Volunteer to Make Sandwiches or Snacks for Children**

##### **New Schedule for August has been posted!**

We are now helping out the YMCA with their daily feeding of children in neighborhoods who don't have access to the school system program. Currently, the Y delivers about 2000 meals per week in Covington and lately they have been shy of the demand for sandwiches and snacks. Please sign up for any slot for sandwiches or snacks in August and also pass this email along to others you think would be able to help out. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4caca82dabf49-help>  
The recipes are very easy and simple like peanut butter and jelly [think of what a 5-year old would eat].

## 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 "T-Shirts", 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 (and follow the directions on completing your donation.

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.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Betty Harvey-ongoing health issues (Jack Wheeler's sister)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Curtis & Carolyn Watson-Covid-19
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Virginia Martin-facial dog bites (granddaughter of Christ & Barbara Martin)
- ◆ Howard Barton-recovering (Perri Walden's step-father)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, 7/29
- ◆ Joan Wyatt-Covid-19 (sister of Denny Dobbs)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Mike Burns-recovering from surgery (brother of Cathy Dobbs)
- ◆ Pam Stillerman-car accident
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Dick, Cindy & Shep Perryman-car accident (family of Loucy Hay)
- ◆ Bill Davis-home
- ◆ Roger Tingle-another hip surgery
- ◆ Clark Knuth-cancer treatment (grandfather of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Marylynne Knuth -knee replacement in July (grandmother of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Connie Firkus-caring for her parents (mother of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (friend of the Liems)
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ Wilford Reed-health 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)
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

### Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy Training, Pensacola, FL



### Praises!

**Sam Hay, IV**, graduated from Auburn University on Saturday, August 8th, with honors from the McWhorter School of Building Science. Sam be working for Evans Construction in Alpharetta beginning next month. Sam's parents are Sam and Loucy Hay, and his grandmother is Louly Fowler Hay.

**Jonny and Jodi Atkins** celebrated the Adoption Finalization for their baby girl, **Lorene Rose**, on August 12, 2020.

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org) or by clicking the "Prayer" 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](http://www.fpccov.org).
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### Thanks to those serving us today

Patrick Carmichael, Darcel Tabb, Day Kennon, Dan Walden, Brad Phillips, & Ken Walker

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, August 16 Pentecost 11

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 (live streamed on Facebook)  
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)  
 12:30 Sunday School Celebration for Children  
 on zoom

### Thursday, August 20

8:30am Morning Reflection on the playground

### Sunday, August 23 Pentecost 12

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)  
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)

## Christian Education

**Children:** Sunday School with Dan and Perri is back! Videos will be posted to Facebook on Sunday morning and will be available on our website.

**Youth:** Join us on Zoom at noon for a conversation with Pam, Jim and Kimmy! [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

**Adults:** Join us on Zoom at 9:30am for Sunday School! This is a casual time of reflecting on Scripture together. Each week will be a standalone conversation, so if you miss a week, make plans to join the following week! [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

Celebrate the return of Sunday School with Dan and Perri! All children and their families are invited to gather on Zoom with Dan and Perri on TODAY, August 16 at 12:30pm. [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

## Morning Reflection Come Pray with Us!

As we reimagine First Presbyterian beyond the pews, we invite you to join us for our next event, "Morning Reflection" on Thursday, August 20th at 8:30am. We will share an outdoor morning devotional in the children's playground behind the church with social distancing. Please wear a mask and bring your favorite lawn chair. We will also have chairs available. You may park behind the church as we will enter through the playground gate. Start your day with a positive reflection from Neeley and Kimmy and enjoy a morning with First Presbyterian friends!

## Other Ways to Connect During the Week

**Prayers from the Pews:** Neeley will offer reflections on Tuesdays at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the [website](#). You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

## FPC T-Shirt Orders

FPC T-Shirts are now available! [Click here](#) to place your shirt order! Each shirt is \$15 and any proceeds benefit Youth Ministry. Order soon to get your desired size (No size Large or XXL)! You will receive an email about pick-up of your shirts.

## 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

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