



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Here Am I, Send Me

John Purifoy

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here we are to worship.

All: Wake us up, O God.

One: Here we are to worship.

All: Wake us up, O God, to your calling.

One: Here we are to worship.

All: Wake us up, O God, to your calling. Speak, we are listening.

✦ HYMN 14 (stanzas 1 & 2) *For the Beauty of Earth*

DIX

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, We hear so many voices. We are not sure who is speaking truth to us. We are not confident in who to listen to. How do we hear your call over all the noise? How do we recognize your voice through the voices of others? Tune our ears to hear and hearts to know it is you. Forgive us when we drown out your holy word with voices other than your own. Here I am Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening. 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. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM

I've been in De Storm So Long
Jamez Dudley

arr. H. T. Burleigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-19

SERMON

Stories of Faith: Samuel
The Art of Listening

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠HYMN 69 (stanzas 1 & 2) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

♠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 (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.***

Thanks to Sanctuary Choir members who recorded videos for the Doxology.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, our prayer is of the prophet Isaiah as we give all that we have and all who we are to you: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♠HYMN 69 (stanza 3) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM

♠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* J. S. Bach

Jamez Dudley, our soloist for today, is the Director of Choral Activities at Liberty Middle School in Newton County. He is also the founder of the Dudley Foundation for the Arts.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.

<p>You are invited to “Text to Give” your offering: Text to: 73256 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send</p>
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Meals on Wheels

Saturday, August 29, meet at FPC at 8:30am

Contact Doug Bolton (dougbolton@yahoo.com; 678-858-2080) to volunteer to deliver meals to the Covington Square Apartments for Seniors on Washington Street, behind the church. Park on Brown Street beside the fellowship hall.

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].

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. 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.

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

◆ Nancy Smith-cancer treatments (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
◆ Miriam Wheeler-car accident (daughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
◆ Sam Ramsey-successful hip surgery (Brother-in-law of Alice Walker)
◆ 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)
◆ 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 Tingler-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

We extend our prayers for **Perri Walden** and her family in the death of her step-father, **Howard Barton**, who died on August 21st.

Praises!

Danny and Beth Vining are celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! They were married on August 23, 1970 at Harmony Grove United Methodist Church in Lilburn, GA. Their children (Brandon Vining & Laurie Bunn and families) will have a celebration for them at a later date.

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: 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.
◆ 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

Pam Stillerman, Dan Walden, Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, & Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 23 Pentecost 12

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

Saturday, August 29

8:30 Meals on Wheels (meet at FPC)

Sunday, August 30 Pentecost 13

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

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: 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.

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.

Morning Reflection

Saturday, September 12th at 9:00am

Join us for an outdoor prayer service time on the playground. Please bring your own chair and wear a mask. Physical distancing protocols will be in place.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 20th, 5:30pm

This outdoor event will be hosted by the Pastoral Care Team as we give thanks for our furry friends who care for us so well. All Covid-19 protocols apply. Pets will receive love and treats!

The Great FPC Bake-Off Sept. 30 at 6:00pm on Zoom

All Entries to be dropped off by 5:00pm on Sept. 30 in the Fellowship Hall. To enter: Email Neeley your name and name of dish by Sept. 20th to Neeley@fpccov.org



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.

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, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane Kimmy Briggs	Senior Pastor Director of Family Ministries Church Administrator	Krista Firkus Alice Walker Danielle Schubert	Music Director CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
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