



*The Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021*



*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able

*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Onward, Christian Soldiers  
Lift High the Cross  
Pass It On*  
Alice Walker, piano

Arthur S. Sullivan  
Stephen Nielson  
Kurt Kaiser

PRELUDE

*Thanks Be to Thee*  
Bill Cobham, trombone  
Alice Walker, organ

G. F. Handel

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

by William Loader

One: O wind, wind,  
you breathed upon the clay and there was life,  
you danced down to the forehead of a Galilean  
and there was hope,  
you shook the foundations of community  
and there was Pentecost.

All: **Wind of nothingness and awe,  
wind of knowing and unknowing,  
wind of bearing and begetting,  
wind of secrets and mystery,  
O wise, wise wind,  
whisper to us your grace.**

✦ HYMN 305

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Eileen Klassen Hamm

**Blow, wind of God,  
Blow away what holds me back from trusting, risking, loving  
Blow away my sin that stands in the way of encountering my neighbors  
Ready me for birth  
Prepare me for risk  
Equip me with courage and vision for the new thing that waits around the corner  
We cannot choose the stories we have inherited  
But we can choose the stories that we become.  
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:5-10

SERMON

*Making Room for the Spirit*

Rev. David Payne

### *Responding to the Word*

✠ HYMN 291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.

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.*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Dear God, thank you for the reminder your mercies are new every morning. When I get down and weary, help me remember your faithfulness throughout all the ages. Thank you for the gift of Holy Spirit's presence then, now, and forever more. Blow, wind of God. Amen.

## *Being the Church in the World*

☩HYMN 313

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

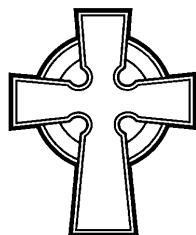
LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Timothy Albrecht



### Worship Notes

#### Spoken Liturgy

Some of today's spoken liturgy comes from "The Presbyterian Outlook."

#### 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/Stam Hall

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# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, August 29 Pentecost 14

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

### Tuesday, August 31

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

### Wednesday, September 1

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
5:00-8:00 Strategic Planning

### Friday-Saturday, September 3-4

Neeley at Leadership Newton Retreat

### Sunday, September 5, Pentecost 15

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

Monday, September 6 Office Closed for Labor Day

### Children's Sunday School

10:00am

Sunday School Room Downstairs

Teachers: Rotation Model

Interested in teaching?

email [info@fpccov.org](mailto: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

### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund

If you would like to contribute to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, collecting right now for the people of Haiti, you may make your check out to First Presbyterian and put "Disaster Relief" in the memo space.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

### 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 to spend time studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture text!

### Newton Trails Clean up

Join us on the Cricket Frog Trail on September 7th! Invite a friend to join you as we clean up our Newton Trails! Meet us at 10:30 am at the intersection on Conyers Street

### Youth and Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom

Start date: September 8

September Topic: The Beatitudes

October Topic: The Parables

Facilitators: Brad Philips, Courtney Pittman, and Neeley Lane

### Presbyterian Women Kick Off!

Sept. 14 at 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Join fellow Presbyterian Women for a meet and greet! We will hear Judy Davis share about the upcoming PW study. The Study Books for the PW Circles are now available for those who requested one (we have 1 or 2 extra). 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.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

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 Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

- ✦ Penny O'Connell - COVID (Relative of Neeley Lane)
- ✦ Prayers for Haiti & Afghanistan
- ✦ Jack & Miriam Wheeler-Covid-19
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ 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
- Celebrations!**

We give thanks and praise for those who have been chosen to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Jodi Walden Atkins; Dana Hall; Judy Hooten; Steve Kapp; Randy Layton; Pam Stillerman & Bob Tabb.

We also give thanks for the newly elected Session Class of 2024: Denny Dobbs; Pat Harper; Brad Phillips and Curtis Watson.



**Prayer Requests**

All prayer requests should be sent to: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto: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](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);

**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 not put your device on silent!)



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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

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