

†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

ANTHEM *Take My Life* HENDON
 Jim Patrick, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1:1-17

SERMON Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane
 Stories of Faith: Jonah
 Well Made Plans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 432 (stanzas 1 & 4) *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord* REPTON

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**I believe in an innovative God,
 who does not wait for us to find ourselves
 but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
 that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
 to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
 calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
 and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
 called to respect and support one another through joys and
 tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of
 God's future.**

**Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe.
 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh." God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars, use our gifts, our time, our talents to go and follow you as your church gathered this day. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy in the Morning

Joel Raney

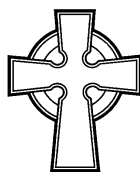
Thank you for worshiping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.

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. 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)
- ◆ Betty Harvey-ongoing health issues (Jack Wheeler's sister)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ 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-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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

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.

Our prayers are with **Becky Ramsey** and the Ramsey and Walker families in the death of **Sam Ramsey**, who died on August 25th. Sam was the brother-in-law of Alice Walker. The funeral service will be held on Monday, August 31, 11:00am at the Salem Campground Tabernacle. Wear a mask and bring a chair. Social distancing will be required.

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!

Carolyn & Curtis Watson are doing well and recovering from Covid-19!

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

Warren Liem, Dan Walden,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, &
Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 30 Pentecost 13

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service
 (live streamed on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)
 1:00 Called Session Meeting (on Zoom)

Sunday, September 6 Pentecost 14

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 and Jim! [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



Volunteers Urgently Needed for the First United Methodist Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers to load the food boxes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer and the link to sign up. With school back in session, their volunteer list has shrunk. If you are healthy and can abide by the safety protocols in place, your help is really needed!

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	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of</i>	Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
	<i>Family Ministries</i>		<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>

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 Pam Stillerman
 Donna Weesner
 Cy Wolverton

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