



*The Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost  
August 8, 2021*



*Order of Worship*  
✦ Stand as able

*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Voluntary in G Major  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

John G. Barr  
John Stanley  
David Cherwien

PRELUDE

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

Mark Hayes

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A faith community changes one person at a time.

**All: Change our hearts, O God. Make it ever true. Change our hearts, O God. May we be like you.**

One: All are welcomed here!

**All: Surprise us, God! Startle us, God! We long for a glimpse of your gracious love through Christ Jesus.**

One: Yes, You are loved! Yes, You are valued! Yes, You are welcome. Let us worship, Holy God.

✦ HYMN 19

*God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Robert Schnase

**Dear God,**

**Forgive us when we have not respected the dignity of others.**

**Forgive us when we fail to express your initiating and inviting love.**

**Forgive us when we decline to invite, welcome, receive and care for those who are strangers looking for a place to call home.**

**Forgive us when we neglect the opportunities you present to entertain angels. Hear our prayer. 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

*Seek Ye First*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Lynne Hollander

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15:1-13

SERMON

*Bearing Fruit: Radical Hospitality*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

## *Responding to the Word*

✦HYMN 754

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living 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 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.**

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

Adapted from Rev. Emily Swan

**Holy One,  
Come with fire that refines, water that refreshes, wind that topples, breath that fills. Give us an abundance of grace for others and ourselves. Let us love more fully than we thought possible. Restore us. Encourage us. Fan our hopes, our joys, our connections. Enable us to see you in each person we encounter. Move where you will, when you will, in whatever way you will. Come, Holy Spirit. With humble gratitude we pray, Amen.**

# Being the Church in the World

♠HYMN 765

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major*

J. S. Bach

## 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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# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, August 8 Pentecost 11

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

### Tuesday, August 10

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

### Wednesday, August 11

10:00 Coffee and Conversation

### Saturday, August 14

Presbytery Meeting (Virtual)

### Sunday, August 15, Pentecost 12

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
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](mailto:info@fpccov.org)

### Youth Sunday School

10:00am

Bread and Butter

Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

### Adult Sunday School

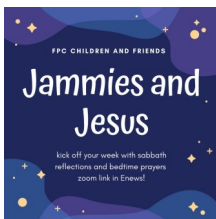
10:00am

Sunday School Room

Downstairs

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 beginning August 10

Tuesdays @ Noon in the Parlor!

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



### Security Update at FPC

In efforts to improve the security of our building we will be re-keying the exterior doors on August 9th. We will be implementing a new policy for checking out keys for our facility. Please contact [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org) if you need to check out a key! A reminder: We have a new Building Usage Form to be completed for all events at FPC! Thank you for your understanding. Key request forms are also available from the church office.

### FPC to Virtually Host Presbytery Meeting in August

We are honored to share our church will be virtually hosting the Greater Atlanta Presbytery meeting for August 14th! We will be co-hosting with Church of the Master in Atlanta!



### 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.

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

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**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 in 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.

**Praises!**

Thank you to all who donated Backpack supplies!!! We delivered 25 stuffed backpacks to Fairview Elementary!

**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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