

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 23
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Welcome Reception

Tuesday, February 25
 1:00 A Novel Bunch
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 26
 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at
 First United Methodist Church

Thursday, February 27
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, March 1
Lent 1
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Tuesday February 25, at 1pm, at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin to discuss "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. All are welcome.

Join us for the annual **Ash Wednesday service** on Wednesday, **February 26, at 7:00pm** at Covington First United Methodist (1113 Conyers St. SW). Kimmy will be preaching, Neeley and Patrick Carmichael will be participating, and our choir will join with the Methodist choir.



Lent

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey.



Beginning in Lent (March 1) there will be great Sunday School opportunities

for all ages! Whether you're a regular Sunday School participant or brand new, take advantage of these great opportunities. All classes will meet at 10:00am.

BRAND NEW: Sunday School for Children Pre-K through 5th grade; taught by Dan and Perri Walden. Meets in the Orange classroom in the ELC.

Youth Sunday School, for grades 6 through 12, meets at Bread and Butter with Pam and Jim Stillerman and Kimmy Briggs (breakfast provided)

Adult Sunday School will be taught by Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane! Beginning, March 1st, we will explore various spiritual disciplines together. Spiritual disciplines allow us to intentionally dive deeper into our relationship with God. You are invited to gather around the table as we discover these practices as guiding tools in our faith formation this Lent. Sunday school meets in Room #1 at 10am. Invite a friend!

March 1: Prayer; **March 8:** Gratitude; **March 15:** Simplicity; **March 22:** Storytelling; **March 29:** Stewardship; **April 5:** Sabbath

Meals for the Lane Family

As part of our first year support for Neeley and her family, the congregation is invited to participate in providing the Lane's a weekly dinner starting February 20 through the month of May. To sign up or for further details go to: <https://tinyurl.com/lanemeals>

Contact Susan Boteler: sboteler@mindspring.com with any questions.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to a pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may read or listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."

Today's Musicians:

We welcome to our service this morning Mike Sugg, trumpet;

Jonathan Sugg, trumpet; Nick Sorrells, trombone; and

Bill Cobham, trombone;



The Food Pantry is open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations: **February:** canned meats (no tuna); stews, meals w/meat, etc.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Worship Liturgist
 Pam Stillerman

March Usher Chair
 Trista Hooten Wilson

February Usher Chair
 Aubrey Evans

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020
 Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb
 Michael Thompson
 Allie Hay

Class of 2021
 Jay Lanners
 Warren Liem
 Pam Stillerman
 Donna Weesner
 Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022
 Del Boyer
 Aubrey Evans
 John McCarthy
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Trista Hooten Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane
 Kimmy Briggs

Senior Pastor
Director of
Family Ministries
Church Administrator
Music Director

Peni Kehoe
 Krista Firkus

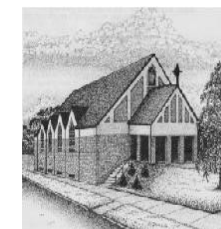
Alice Walker
 Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert
 Darlene Alley

CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Nursery
Director of the
Early Learning Center



Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020



Please Wear Your Name Tag!

We are encouraged to wear our name tags in the coming weeks and months to help our new pastors, Neeley and Kimmy, get to know us more quickly. If you don't have one, there is a clipboard on which to sign up for one, or you may call or email the church office.

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Grand Chorus in B-Flat* Theodore Dubois

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 99

Come, Now is the time to worship!

The Lord is great. The Lord is exalted over all peoples.

We praise your great and awesome name!

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Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Let us worship the Living God!

✦HYMN 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, for you are majestic in love and grace. You invite us to listen to you and to one another. You give us stories to teach us the way of light. However, all too often, we fail to recognize you in word and sight. We would rather look to ourselves and be comfortable in what we know. We tremble at the thought of looking to you, O God. Reveal yourself to us and make us new for we have sinned against you and one another. Hear our prayers ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good news! The very God who created and is creating us, the very God who claims us in the overflowing waters of baptism, the very God who calls us by name, says to you and to me we are forgiven! Alleluia!

By the grace of God, the witness of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit with us this day and forever more, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

✦RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI
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.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 p. 70 OT

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Walter Ehret
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices. Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, hath bless'd us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given; then Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Neeley & Rev. Kimmy

Following the moment with the children, children are invited to wiggle and giggle with guardians or they are invited to participate in child care provided. Childcare is located in the purple room downstairs. A parent church member will guide the children. Please pick up your children in purple room following worship.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 p. 18 NT

SERMON *Look Up!* Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* DIO GRACIAS

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* p.34 in hymnal
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 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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

✦RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDTH
Hymn 606
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
Majestic God of the little voices and grand declarations, we glorify you by giving of our tithes, our time, and our talents. Use our gifts to reflect your love and light to a world in need of your touch. Ignite in us a willingness to participate in your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 192 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON
Hymn 748
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

✦POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

✦Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦**Children's Worship** bulletins are on the narthex table and worship bags are hanging on a coat rack on the right in the narthex.
- ✦Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.
- ✦Documents and 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ✦Olaava Mackenzie-stranded in Thailand due to the Corona virus situation (daughter of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ✦Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ✦Becky Stokesbary-gall bladder (Kimmy's mom)
- ✦Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ✦Roger Tingler-hip surgery
- ✦Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ✦Brenda Howell-breast cancer
- ✦Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ✦Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ✦Noah Hicks-recovering from knee surgery
- ✦Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ✦Julia Jones-cancer treatment (friend of the Carmichaels and Boltions)
- ✦Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ✦Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
- ✦Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ✦Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ✦Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ✦Terry Elder-myasthenia gravis (daughter of Jean Elder)
- ✦Ellen Clary-chemo therapy (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
- ✦Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ✦Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ✦Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ✦Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grand-son 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

- ✦Penny Blakeney-home
- ✦Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ✦Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks
- ✦Jean Elder-The Oaks
- ✦Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ✦Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ✦Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ✦Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ✦Louise White-Merryvale
- ✦Alice Gadilhe-Merryvale
- ✦Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ✦Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Koen Ardis graduated from Navy Basic on Training on 2/14! He is now off to Pensacola for the next phase of his training.

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker

Welcome to Neeley's Family!
As a reminder, their names are:
Robert Lane, husband
and daughters:
Kately, age 7
Paisley, age 5
MaryRentz, age 2



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Neeley Lane by the Presbyterian Women.