

RESPONSE Hymn 456 *Listen, God is Calling* NENO LAKE MUNGU
***Listen, listen, God is calling, through the word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (sing 2 times)***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane
***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1: 43-51

SERMON

An Invitation

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 720 (stanza 1, 4) *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**The Holy Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

OFFERING

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

Our Prayer of Dedication today will be a guided movement prayer. We invite you to listen and participate in the movement as we pray together.

THE SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Church, you are invited to partake with of bread and cup upon hearing the words "The Gifts of God for the People of God". We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

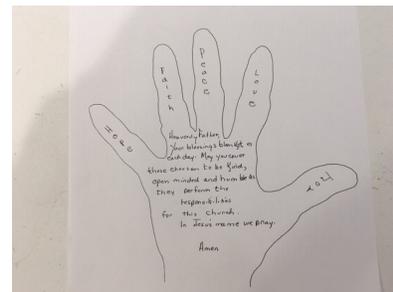
POSTLUDE

Prelude in A

J. S. Bach

Our Elders for the Class of 2023 will be ordained and installed on January 24th during the 11:00am worship service. We invite you to trace your hand and write a prayer on the hand you traced. You are invited to email Neeley a picture of your prayer hand. We will use these hands for the "laying on of hands" during worship.

We will have our Annual Meeting and Congregational Meeting on January 24th following worship.



A Message from Our Treasurer

Dear FPC Family:

As we end the year, please take a look at your 2020 pledge status. If you have email, you received a link to check your current giving statement for 2020. If there are corrections, please call the office ASAP. In January you will receive a final 2020 giving statement for your records. We are so thankful for your faithful giving during a time when the church faced many worship challenges.

As we look at the budget for 2021, your Finance Team would love to get in-hand any outstanding pledges for 2021. You can mail in your card, call the office, email the office (admin@fpccov.org). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Peni Kehoe, Treasurer

P.S. For those who made a pledge for 2021 and give on-line or by text, you now must choose 2021 Pledge as your fund. Thank You!

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

You are invited to "Text to Give"
your offering: Text to: 73256
Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send
Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

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 2021, choose "2021 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 "Thornwell" "Love Gift", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund. You can use this link for on-line giving: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/now>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Larri Harris-cancer treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆ Linda Shirley-knee fracture & other bone issues (teacher at Flint Elementary)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-Covid-19 with pneumonia
- ◆ Dale Tingler-Covid 19, Piedmont Newton
- ◆ Billy Fortson-Covid-19 Emory
- ◆ Mac Cranford-health issues
- ◆ Tootles Tingler-Covid 19
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Covid 19, Merryvale
- ◆ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ◆ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ◆ Carolyn Watson-recent fall
- ◆ Phyllis Pruner-recovering from eye surgery
- ◆ McKenna Grace Boston-whooping cough at Egleston (newborn daughter of Paige Boston, Paige grew up at FPC)
- ◆ Mitchell Wheeler-cancer (nephew of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ◆ Roger Tingler-surgery on hip incision
- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-recovering at home (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-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)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Special Prayers

Piedmont Newton frontline workers as well as other medical staff. The hospital is very busy with helping sick patients, night and day. Please pray for their work and their safety.

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)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy
- ◆ Lee Scarborough-Army

Condolences

Our Prayers are with **Nick and Jessica Jessup** upon the death of Nick's father, **Mitchell**. Please hold Nick, Jessica, Connor, Dylan, and Paisley in your prayers.

Our prayers are with **Rachel Mason** upon the death of her husband, **Bob Mason**. Rachel is a participant of the Martha Circle of Presbyterian Women.

Our prayers are with the family of **Mary Bollinger**. Mary passed away on January 2, 2021. Contact information for Mary's family: Janie Bollinger Jude (daughter) 43 Brown Thrasher Road Hilton Head, SC 29926 (bjude@gmail.com) and Blair Bollinger (son) bjb@me.com

Our prayers are with the family of **Bob Lange**. Bob passed away on January 2, 2021. Contact information for Bob's family: Neal and Terrie Lange 20 Logan's Run Covington, GA 30016

Our prayers are with the friends and family of **Steve Biggers**. Steve passed away on January 2, 2021.

Praises!

Betty Robinson celebrated her 99th birthday last Sunday!

Prayers for all of the Star Words our church family and friends received! If you are still in need of a Star Word please email Neeley!

Copy this link into your browser for Covid-19 Vaccine info <https://www.gnrhealth.com/covid-19-vaccination-phase-1a-expanded/?fbclid=IwAR15zHQinfAnLUCXXiohQCJyeQGdtwc0QuFLeaEf1NuqDGT1S3Uzlei-xM>

Procedure for Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: 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.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ◆ Music printed (and streamed) 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

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

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 17, Epiphany 2

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below
 11:00 Worship Service
 (Livestream link provided the in Weekly Enews)
 7:00 Jammies and Jesus (link below)

Sunday, January 24, Epiphany 3

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below
 11:00 Worship Service
 (Livestream link provided the in Weekly enews)
 7:00 Jammies and Jesus (link below)

Monday, January 25—Youth Parents' Meeting

6:30 On Zoom (see enews for link and details)

Christian Education

Adults - Adult Sunday School is a casual time of conversation and fellowship. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so if you miss a week, come back the next! Adult Sunday School meets on Zoom at 9:45am. The Zoom link for Adult Sunday school will be the same for the next two months: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852010376> Meeting ID: 838 5201 0376

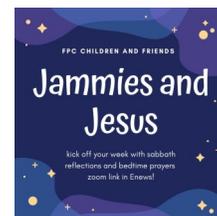
Youth - Youth Sunday School is led by Pam and Jim Stillerman and offers a time of connection and of studying scripture. Youth Sunday School meets on Zoom at 10:00am. [Click here](#) to join Zoom. Passcode: AlcovyFit1

Children - Pre-recorded on Facebook on Saturdays by Dan and Perri Walden or you can find them on our children's webpage: <https://www.fpccov.org/children.html> Be sure to tune in to hear their message.

"Jammies and Jesus"

A new offering for our children in the new year! This is a time for our youngest disciples to gather on Sunday evenings for Sabbath reflections and prayer for the upcoming week! We invite all children of the church (and friends!) to gather on Zoom at 7:00pm on Sunday nights with Pastor Neeley! Our time together of Jammies and Jesus will be no more than ten minutes!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781> Meeting ID: 821 9105 6781



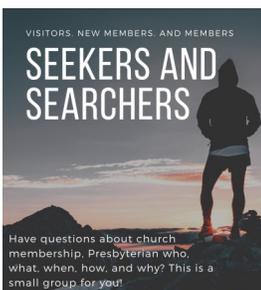
Searchers and Seekers Small Group

For all visitors, New members, and members who want to know more about FPC Covington and the PCUSA. We invite you to join in a time of fellowship and study. What do we believe? Why do we believe what we believe? What is our church polity? How do we understand salvation and grace? What does it mean to be a member of the church? Why do we do what we do and say what we say? If you have expressed any of these questions – this is place for you! Please contact Donna Weesner if you are interested in joining this ministry opportunity!

Join us on Zoom: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 from 6-7

Zoom Information: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82728290092>

Meeting ID: 827 2829 0092



Piedmont-Newton needs our help: If you would be able to donate snacks or other treats to help refresh their bodies and spirits, please let us know. More details are in the weekly Enews. We have the numbers of people serving on each shift in various departments. You can call Pastor Neeley if you are interested. Covid protocols are in place for delivery.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for the First United Methodist Food Pantry

Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer and the link to sign up.

Worship Mouse



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	Senior Pastor	Peni Kehoe	Church Administrator
Krista Firkus	Music Director	Danielle Schubert	Nursery
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO		
	Organist/Ambassador Choir		

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Laurel Ardis	Aubrey Evans	Cheryl Gibson
Jay Lanners	John McCarthy	Stan Hall
Warren Liem	Cindy Moon	Louly Hay Kapp
Pam Stillerman	Stephanie Scarborough	Ed Perkerson
Donna Weesner	Trista Hooten Wilson	Bob Tabb
Cy Wolverton		