



*The Seventh Sunday after  
Pentecost  
July 11, 2021*

*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able



*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Be Still, My Soul  
It Is Well with My Soul*

Albin C. Whitworth  
James Pethel

PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Don Hustad

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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If you come into this place  
with the hope of growing deeper,  
with the hope of connecting,  
with the hope of glimpsing God,  
and if all of those things take place,  
and your spirit is moved,  
and you swear God is near,  
and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,  
and then the service comes to an end,  
and it's time for you to leave,  
and you ask yourself,  
"Where do we go from here?"  
Then I would say to you,  
"Go out into the world  
to love and to share and to learn,  
but come back soon,  
because this is the beginning.  
This is only the beginning.  
So come on in.  
Fill your cup here.  
Be present here.  
God is here."

**Let us worship Holy God.**

✦ HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Holy God,  
We are naturals when it comes to stalling out.  
We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation,  
in our faith, and then we stall.**

**We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there,  
destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.  
Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.  
Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.  
Forgive us for taking the easy way out  
instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building,  
vulnerability, and connection.  
Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.  
With hope and honesty we pray,  
Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ 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

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the  
year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our  
God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word  
and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith  
and hope and joy and peace.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-22

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

*I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Do We Go From Here?*

### *Responding to the Word*

✦ HYMN 319

*Shout to the North*

SMITH

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**We believe that God is a conversationalist,  
drawing close to us and asking,  
"What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?"  
We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God's own flesh,  
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,  
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.  
Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith  
is to continue this holy conversation  
with those who look and think like us,  
as well as with those who share little in common with us.  
We believe that through these conversations,  
we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God,  
so we continue the conversation in hope.  
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

✠ 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 GRATITUDE

**God of conversation,  
we've been meaning to ask,  
"Where do we go from here?  
How do we speak truth?  
How do we listen for you?"  
Guide us.  
Be with us.  
Hold us.  
Unsettle us.  
Catch us.  
Feed us.  
Fill us.  
Meet us here.  
God, we are open.  
Pour into us.  
Gratefully we pray,  
Amen.**

*Being the Church in the World*

✠ HYMN 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

Mike Adcock

**Welcome to Our Guest Organist**

We cordially welcome to our service this morning **Mr. Lamar Savage**, who is Organist at Peachtree Baptist Church in Atlanta, where he has served with distinction for over fifty years. Mr. Savage is the Auditor of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, a position he has held for many years. A Certified Public Accountant whose office is in Atlanta, Mr. Savage has installed in his home in Conyers a complete pipe organ which he generously offers for Concerts by other professional organists from time to time.



**SALEM CAMP MEETING MEETS IN PERSON**

Monday, July 12 is First Presbyterian Day!

Salem Camp Meeting will meet in person July 9-16, 2021. Services are held at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM daily.

FPC's Ambassador Choir will sing Monday morning, July 12, for the 11:00 AM Service.

# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, July 11 Pentecost 7

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### Monday, July 12

11:00 Worship at Salem Camp Meeting with the  
FPC Ambassador Choir

### Tuesday, July 13

5:45 Sanctuary Choir  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, July 14

10:00 Coffee and Conversation

### Sunday, July 11, Pentecost 7

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
(Livestream link provided in the Weekly enews)

### 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

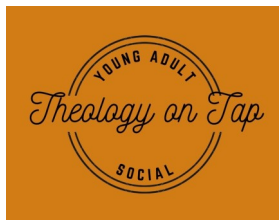
The bags are labeled with children's name tags clipped to their bag and they are invited to use the same bag every time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers we have bags labeled "Child of God The bags are hanging on a rack on the right side of the narthex.

### Summer 2021 Faith Formation

MR. ROGERS' INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall - All ages - for a time for exploring what it means to be neighbors! Neeley and Courtney will be leading. Sundays at 10:00am.

### Choir Rehearsals

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Sanctuary Choir rehearses Tuesdays, from 5:45-6:45. Handbell Choir rehearses from 7-8 on Tuesdays as well. We would love to have you join us for either or both ensembles!



### Young Adult Ministry

Meet at Bread and Butter on July 14th at 6:00pm for drinks and discussion.  
Invite a friend!

### Pastoral Care Training Session

Did you know we have a team of congregation members who gather once a month to pray for you, care for you, discern ways to walk alongside you? Our Pastoral Care team came into being at the onset of the pandemic. This faithful group makes phone calls, delivers meals, and prays for our church family and community.

Join us on **July 21 at noon** for a Pastoral Care Team training. We will learn and practice best practices for how we care for one another as the Body of Christ. All are welcome to participate in this training. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

### Presbytery Meeting Host

Our church has been asked to be a virtual co-host for our Greater Atlanta Presbytery Meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>! It is a true honor and privilege to be asked to serve in this way. Pray for our pastor, music and tech teams as they prepare for this endeavor.

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

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*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

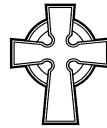
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Danny Vining-knee replacement July 6
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Teresa Shaffer-ill (Kayla Dobbs' mother)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment in Scotland (aunt of Sarah Gregory)
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ✦ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ✦ 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



**Corrected Address:**

Carol and Ellis Dunbar  
 1300 Hawthorne Drive  
 Athens, Georgia. 30606-5475

**Praises!**

Thank you to our Red Cross Volunteers and all who gave blood!

**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.

*Worship Notes*

- ✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://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.

**Tech Team:**

Dan Walden, Brad Phillips  
**Usher chair:** Pam Stillerman



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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

**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**Class of 2021**

Jay Lanners  
 Warren Liem  
 Cindy Moon  
 Pam Stillerman  
 Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2022**

Aubrey Evans  
 John McCarthy  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Trista Hooten Wilson

**Class of 2023**

Stan Hall  
 Louly Hay Kapp  
 Ed Perkerson  
 Bob Tabb

**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);

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