



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* David Cherwien

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet!

All: Your word is a light to my path!

One: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord.

All: Teach us your way.

One: Incline our hearts to hear you.

All: Give us life, O Lord, according to your Word.

One: We come with joy in our hearts to worship you!

✦ HYMN 409

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we live as a scattered seed. We choose to ignore your word over all words. We plant our roots in the shallowness of our own doings and not in the firm foundation you give. Forgive us and gather us in as we need to hear your word so that it may bear Kingdom fruit. God, forgive us when we speak without listening, when we lash out without thinking, when we put our pride before your people. Gather us in at your Holy table; help us to listen. Move in and through us as a people trying to navigate a surreal world of division, pandemic, viruses, and our individual and collective sin. Forgive us, hear our prayers. 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
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THY WORD

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet
Krista Firkus, solo

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 119:105-112

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

Sowing Seeds, Taking Root

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 771

What is the World Like (Stanzas 1,3,4,5)

NEW WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

God, may the seeds you have planted today fall on fertile soil and bear fruit. Use our gifts of our tithes and offerings to intentionally scatter your grace to a world in need of healing and peace. We pray these offerings take root and provide a light for our paths as your people. Amen.

THE SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All Thanks be to God!

Though I May Speak

Hal Hopson

Krista Firkus, soprano Jon Paschal, guitar Alice Walker, piano

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 498 stanzas 1,2,4

BEACH SPRING

Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

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

<p>You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering: Text to: 73256 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send</p>
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Health Update

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.

Volunteer to Make Sandwiches for Children

We are now helping out the YMCA with their daily feeding of children in neighborhoods who don't have access to the school system program. Currently, the Y delivers about 2000 meals per week in Covington and lately they have been shy of the demand for sandwiches. Please sign up for any slot in June and also pass this email along to others you think would be able to help out. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4caca82dabf49-help> The recipes are very easy and simple like peanut butter and jelly [think of what a 5-year old would eat].

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 "Mother's Day", 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 (you can change it to any fund by clicking on the menu arrow)
5. If you pledge you need it to say "2020 pledge"; or "non-pledge" or choose another fund (i.e. flowers or food pantry)
6. Follow the instructions for finishing your gift.

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. Be sure after you've entered your log-in information to save the page to your favorites so you can click on it to go back to the site when you want to access it again.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆Richard Griffin-heart surgery (nephew of Alice Walker)
- ◆Debi Selin-home, recovering
- ◆Kristen Anderson-hospitalized for Covid-19 (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆Patti Hill-Piedmont Newton, Covid-19; her mother and bro-in-law are also ill (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆Jon Paschal-home
- ◆Guy McGiboney- recovering from surgery
- ◆Bill Davis-home
- ◆Randy Quintrell- ongoing illness (friend of Denny Dobbs)
- ◆Roger Tingler-another hip surgery
- ◆Chris Martin-eye surgery
- ◆Nat Alllen Long-home after surgery (Alice Walker's stepson)
- ◆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)
- ◆Bob Lange-heart procedure (member of Ambassador Choir)
- ◆Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆Warren Liem-home, recovering from broken hip with home rehab
- ◆Tricia Hinton-recovering at home
- ◆Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ◆Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment

- ◆Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆Wilford Reed- his brother has age-related 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)
- ◆Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ◆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)
- ◆Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ◆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
- ◆Lee Scarborough-National Guard deployed to Miami, FL

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

Cindy Moon,
Dan Walden, Allie Hay, &
Ken Walker

Praises!

Thank you to all who have participated in making sandwiches for the Covington Family YMCA. It's not too late to get involved!

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.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 12 Pentecost 6

9:30 Zoom Sunday School (link below)
11:00 Worship Service
(live streamed on Facebook)

Sunday, July 19 Pentecost 7

11:00 Worship Service
(live-streamed on Facebook)

Summer Christian Education

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 9:30am for Sunday School! This will be 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! Join us on Zoom at 9:30am by [clicking here](#).

Youth: Join us on Zoom at noon for conversations with Pam, Jim and Kimmy! You can join us by [clicking here](#).

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.

Questions with Kimmy: All our kids are welcome to submit questions for Kimmy about God, the Bible, or faith. Kimmy will answer a question each week! You can find the videos on Facebook or on our [website](#). Questions can be sent to Kimmy at kimmy@fpccov.org.

FPC T-Shirt Orders

FPC T-Shirts are now available! [Click here](#) to place your shirt order! Each shirt is \$15 and any proceeds benefit Youth Ministry. Order soon to get your desired size! You will receive an email about pick-up of your shirts.

Volunteer with the First United Methodist Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer.

Salem Camp Meeting Goes Virtual!

The virtual Salem Camp Meeting starting July 10, 2020 and continuing online all week at www.salemcampmeeting.org.

There will be virtual Worship Services, with the Rev. Steven Barnes as one of the Preachers this year. The other preacher is Dr. Don Martin. In addition to sermons, there will be special music, beautiful videos of Salem Campground, daily Morning Devotionals at 9:30 AM and a Zoom call on Sunday evening July 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM for sharing news and playing Salem Trivia!

Montreat Retreat—Save the Date! November 6-7, 2020

A brochure with details about rooms and costs is posted on the weekly Enews. If you are interested in attending, please let us know of your interest. We have to release any extra rooms by August 1, so don't delay letting us know if you wish to be on the list.

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 Kimmy Briggs	Senior Pastor Director of Family Ministries	Alice Walker Danielle Schubert	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery
Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus	Church Administrator Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Allie Hay

Class of 2021

Jay Lanners
Warren Liem
Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022

Susan Boteler
Aubrey Evans
John McCarthy
Stephanie Scarborough
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