



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Bound for the Promised Land* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Surely the Lord is in this place!

All: How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God!

One: Surely the presence of Lord is with us at home, at work, at play.

All: Surely the presence of Lord is us in our offerings of worship!

One: Let us all proclaim: "the Lord shall be my God!"

✦ HYMN 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We attempt to hide from your presence, but your presence is inescapable. Help us to trust in your eternal promise and faithful presence. For you search us and know us, cleanse us of our wrongdoings and failure to lean on your understanding and not our own. Make our paths worthy of your calling as you go behind us, before us, and beside us. Forgive the words of our tongues and the meditations of our hearts that are not pleasing to you. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ RESONSE 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER
God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround Me; O Christ, surround me. Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *The Prayer* Carol Bayer Sager & David Foster
Janet Carmichael, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-19

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

SERMON *Surprise!* Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 29 (stanzas 1, 2, 4) *O God, You Search Me* O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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.

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

All-knowing and ever-present God, we give our offerings this day in thanksgiving for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 740 *Lead Me, Guide Me* LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering: Text to: 73256
Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send

Health Update

Moving Forward:

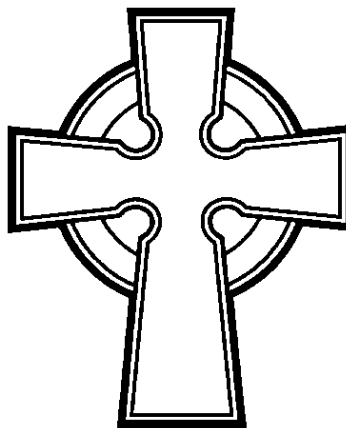
Phases of Re-Opening Church Building

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

New Schedule for July has been posted!

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 and snacks. Please sign up for any slot for sandwiches or snacks in July 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 "T-Shirts", 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 (and follow the directions on completing your donation.

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Pam Stillerman-car accident
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Dick, Cindy & Shep Perryman-car accident (family of Loucy Hay)
- ◆ Chris Haymore-poisonous snake bite (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bill Davis-home
- ◆ Randy Quintrell- ongoing illness (friend of Denny Dobbs)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-another hip surgery
- ◆ Chris Martin-eye surgery
- ◆ Nat Allen 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
- ◆ Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie Mackenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (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- health 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)
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ 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-Army Reserves, medic deployed to Miami, FL

Celebration!

William "Will" Thomas Pope, was born on July 13, 2020, to Liz & Andrew Pope. Chris & Barbara Martin are the proud grandparents.

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

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

We extend our prayers and sympathy for **Homer Borders** and his family and friends in the death of his wife, **Pattie Borders**, who died on July 14.

Praises!

Thank you all who made the Blood Drive possible. Although we didn't quite make our goal in collecting the number of pints we had hoped to get, we did get a good number, and those donations will save lives. Your help saved lives. Thank you.

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

<p>Sunday, July 19 Pentecost 7 9:30 Zoom Sunday School (link below) 11:00 Worship Service (live streamed on Facebook)</p>	<p>Sunday, July 26 Pentecost 8 11:00 Worship Service (live-streamed on Facebook)</p>
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Summer Christian Education

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 9:30am for Sunday School! This is 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.

Anti Racism Initiative "Joining the Conversation"

For members participating in the 21 Day Challenge: A reminder of our Zoom "Coffee Chats" next week to engage in reflective dialogue.

Two options – you may join for one or both if you wish:
 July 22 at Noon <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89839515553>
 July 23 at 6pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81567340646>

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 (sizes are limited)! 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.

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 Darlene Alley	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus	Church Administrator Music Director		

MEMBERS OF SESSION

<p>Class of 2020 Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Allie Hay</p>	<p>Class of 2021 Jay Lanners Warren Liem Pam Stillerman Donna Weesner Cy Wolverton</p>	<p>Class of 2022 Susan Boteler Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson</p>
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