



*The Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost
July 25, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Socrates said, "Wisdom begins in Wonder."

So we wonder, we pray, we seek your Wisdom, Holy God.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The years teach us much which the days never knew."

So we wonder, we pray, we seek your Teaching, Holy God.

Michelangelo said, "I am still learning."

So we wonder, we pray, we seek your Guidance, Holy God.

Apostle Paul said, I pray for strength, discernment, and knowledge.

So we wonder, we pray, we seek your Presence, Holy God.

Let us worship, Holy God!

✦ HYMN 407 stanzas 1 & 5 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How often do you pray?

At mealtime and before bed. I forget that I can pray and I doubt if God even hears me.

When do you pray?

When worry bubbles in my heart. When a friend is in need. When I don't know which way to turn. Honestly, when I remember to talk to God in the midst of all the stuff I carry.

Where do you pray?

At church, in my recliner, on my way to work, when I am rocking a child to sleep, in the quiet spaces and corners of life's journey.

Why do you pray?

For comfort, clarity, and forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Church, We are forgiven!

We are free to try again.

✦ 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON

Prayer Beads

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦HYMN 469 (sing 2 times) *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Excerpts from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The 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...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...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!"

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 adapted from Ted Loder

Holy One, There is something I wanted to tell you, but there have been errands to run, bills to pay, arrangements to make, meetings to attend, friends to entertain, washing to do...and I forgot. Thank you for hearing my prayers of worry and hurry, of joy and wonder, of doubts and dreams. Thank you for listening. May we be aware of your presence with us here, now, there, then, and always. Amen.

Being the Church in the World

✦HYMN 472 stanzas 1, 3, 4 *Kum ba Yah* KUM BA YAH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 25 Pentecost 9

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00-6:00 Ice Cream Social & Cornhole Tournament

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

10:00 Coffee and Conversation
6:30 Matthew 25 Task Force (Zoom)

Thursday, July 29

10:00 Neeley at Merryvale for Devotional Time
2:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 1, Pentecost 10

10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Acolyte Training in Sanctuary
11:00 Worship Service & Blessing of the Backpacks

Worship Notes

Friendship Register

There are Friendship registers in each pew. We ask that you sign in each week that you attend. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership signing in helps us with a way to contact you. The registers are also our way to know who to call in the case of a Covid-19 exposure. Thanks!

Serving Today:

Tech Team: Dan Walden & Brad Phillips

Usher Chair: Pam Stillerman

Music printed in our bulletins and streamed on-line are covered by licenses authorizing their use.

Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

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.

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!

Ice Cream Social & Cornhole Tournament Tonight from 4:00-6:00PM



Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social and bring your favorite flavor to share with church members and friends of FPC on July 25th. Our Ice Cream Sundae Bar will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Need to work off that ice cream... we'll sponsor our Cornhole Tournament near the playground with music and fun for everyone. **See you tonight!**

Help Stuff Backpacks for Fairview Elementary School

You are invited to bring one or more of the following items and place them in the bins in the entrance to the sanctuary by **July 25**: Bottle Hand Sanitizer, Glue Sticks, Disinfectant wipes, Box of Facial Tissue, Pack of Crayons, Blunt Tip Scissors, Dry Erase Marker, Box of #2 Pencils, Pocket Folders, Spiral Bound Notebook, Large Pink Eraser, Pencil Case, Crayola Washable Markers, Highlighters, Pencil Box, Colored Pencils, Handheld Pencil Sharpener, Reusable Water Bottle, 12in Ruler, Set of Index Cards, Loose-Leaf Wide Ruled Paper, 3 Ring Binder.

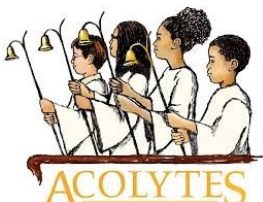


**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
Drive**

Acolyte Ministry

What is an Acolyte? Acolytes are worship leaders who are "light-bearers," symbolically bringing in the light of Christ into our worship experience. We are inviting all 3rd-grade children and up to participate in our NEW Acolyte Ministry!

Acolyte Training will be held in the Sanctuary on **August 1 at 10:00am.**



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Anne-serious health issue (friend of John McCarthy)
- ✦ Jane Parker-cataract surgery July 27
- ✦ 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 (Hannah 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
- ✦ 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

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Condolences

We extend our prayers for the family of Betty Lunsford who died on July 11, 2021.

Praises!

Thank you to all who participated in worship leadership at Salem Camp Meeting and Smyrna Camp Meeting!

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.

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;

Do you have a mobile phone or a tablet?

If so, you can download the bulletin on your device to follow the service and save paper. If you pick up a paper bulletin please remember to recycle it here or at home! The environment will thank you! (Please do not put your device on silent!)



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
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