



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Rest in the Lord* from "Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather today, in the presence of the Holy;

All: who will show us the way to hope and grace.

One: We come today to the spring of hope;

All: where Jesus will draw for us all the living water we can drink.

One: We speak from our hearts, lifting our praise and prayers;

All: leaning over to listen, the Spirit hears us, filling us with peace.

✦ HYMN 415 *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are sinners, Creator of gentleness, and cannot make good choices. We know what the right thing is to do yet end up acting in wrong ways. We know the gentle words a friend needs yet raise our voices in anger and hurt. We hear you inviting us to follow you, yet we continue to go our own ways. Forgive us and rescue us from our foolish lives. Speak to our aching spirits with your healing hope. Yoke us with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might lead gentle and gracious lives in the days to come. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE *O Lord, You Are My God and King* Hymn 270, verse 2
How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful, your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all, for you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care. To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Come Unto Him* from Handel's "Messiah"
Krista Firkus, soprano Alice Walker, organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145:8-14

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON *Come* Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠ HYMN 735 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Heidelberg Catechism
(Question #1)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and make known to all people the power of your saving acts. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Franz Joseph Haydn

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

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

- ◆ Debi Selin-recovering from a blood clot
- ◆ 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 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
- ◆ 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

◆ We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Judge Horace Johnson** who died on July 1.

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

Larry Kennon,
Dan Walden, Allie Hay, &
Ken Walker

Praises!

The ELC has hired a new teacher for the Blue Room and is fully staffed for the 2020-2021 school year!
The Blood Drive provided a much needed service to our community! Thank you to Doug Bolton and the Witness Team for all their work!

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 5 Pentecost 5

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

Sunday, July 12 Pentecost 6

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at FPC on **July 1st from 2:00—7:00 pm**. Volunteers are needed to help that day. Volunteers must wear masks and gloves which will be supplied by the Red Cross. Further details about donating blood are listed below on a separate page. Contact Doug Bolton to sign up as a volunteer: email: dougbolton@yahoo.com; or call 678-858-2080.

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

Details of costs will be available soon. 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 Church Administrator Music Director	Alice Walker Danielle Schubert Darlene Alley	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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