



*Third Sunday  
after Pentecost  
June 13, 2021*

*Order of Worship*

✦Stand if able



*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Processional in E-Flat  
Allegro  
Jesus Is Lord*

David N. Johnson  
Peter Prelleur  
Matthew H. Corl

PRELUDE

*On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kaji R. Spellman

One: Good people of the church,  
Lift up your eyes and see.

**All: Have you not seen?  
Have you not heard?  
Our God greets us here.**

One: Good servants of the Most High,  
Open your ears to hear.

**All: Have you not seen?  
Have you not heard?  
Our God meets us here.**

One: Good children of the light  
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

**All: For we have seen, heard and known  
From the beginning to the end,  
Our God...is.**

✦HYMN 475

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.**

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

*Proclaiming the Word*

## WONDERING WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John F. Wilson

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride, and they'll know we are Christians by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 John 4:1-12

SERMON

*Of God and Chicken*

Courtney Pittman

## *Responding to the Word*

✦HYMN 452

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

OPEN THE EYES

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

**The reconciling work of Jesus  
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection  
become personal crisis and present hope for all  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.  
In this experience,  
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people,  
moves people to respond in faith,  
repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.  
The new life takes shape in a community  
in which we know that God loves and accepts us  
in spite of what we are.  
We therefore accept ourselves and love others,  
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,  
except God's grace.**

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 HUNDRETH

***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

Nadia Bolz-Weber

That you see me, O God, I give you thanks.

**Thank you for seeing that which I try to hide.**

Thank you for seeing my hurt and fear.

**Thank you for seeing my heart and my humor.**

Thank you for seeing that I am stronger than I think and that I am also not nearly as strong as I think.

Thank you for seeing this broken world in all it's beauty and most especially, thank you for seeing all of these things and then responding in nothing but completely mad love. Amen.

## *Being the Church in the World*

♠HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Rhonda Furr

### *This Week at FPC*

#### **Sunday, June 13 Pentecost 3**

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
3:00 Neeley preaching at Presbyterian Village in Athens

#### **Tuesday, June 15**

6:30 Matthew 25 Study on zoom  
5:30 Sanctuary Choir  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday, June 16**

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
12:00 Youth Picnic on the Porch

#### **Thursday, June 17**

2:30 Ambassador Choir (Narthex Porch)

#### **Sunday, June 20, Pentecost 4**

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

## *Activities in the Life of the Church*

### **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. No Sunday School on July 4th.

MATTHEW 25 STUDY: Our church said YES to being a Matthew 25 church. We will unpack more about what this means and how we can "act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor". Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 6:30pm.

### **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume! Handbell Choir Continues!**

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord on Tuesday evenings! Sanctuary Choir resumes rehearsal Tuesday, June 8th from 5:30-6:30. Handbell Choir will continue to rehearse from 7-8 on Tuesdays as well. We would love to have you join us for either or both ensembles!

### **Save the Dates!**

Popsicles & Paint, June 22, 4:30-6:00, from our Ministry to Children,

Movie Night, June 27th, "Hidden Figures" will be shown in the Fellowship Hall.

Pajama Party for the children, June 27th in the Education Center. Details in our other on-line and print publications.

**Office Notes:** Peni Kehoe will be on vacation from June 14-18. While she is away some volunteers may staff the office for part of the day. If you have a pastoral emergency you may leave a message at Pastor Neeley's phone extension. If it is not an emergency you may leave a message on Peni's voicemail and she will attend to it on her return. Volunteers answering the phone may be able to help in some cases. Thanks for your patience.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Teresa Shaffer-ill (Lane Dobbs' mother-in-law)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Angela Gregory-cancer, hospital 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-basic training



### Praises!

Thank you to our  
new office volunteers!

### 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

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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>			

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

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