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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* African-American Spiritual

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is no hope like you, O God!

All: Hope for those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.

One: There is no grace like you, O God!

All: Grace for those rejected, ignored, and cast aside by the world.

One: There is no love like you, O God!

All: Love for those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.

One: There is no one like you, O God! And so, let us join our hearts and voices to worship God together!

✦ HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when we have a chance to speak up for the outsider, we too often join in sending them away into the wilderness of hopelessness. When we could shout good news to a needy world, our voices drop to a whisper. When we could abound in grace, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing. Forgive us and have mercy on us. You lean over to listen to our words, and then to cast them into your sea of forgetfulness. You show us your signs of hope, that we might point others to you. You help us when we are weakest and, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you save us when we cannot save ourselves. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (GTG #435, verse 2)
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA
Krista Firkus, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 21:8-21

SERMON *Hidden in the Bush* Rev. Kimmy Briggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 177 *I Will Come to You* YOU ARE MINE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for all that you have given to us. May you use these gifts and our very selves to boldly go serve the world, even those cast out by the world. And may we not keep your love and grace a secret but shout our hope to a world who needs such hope. And may the world come to know you, the God who cherishes and treasures all people. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on EVANGEL

Marilyn Thompson

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

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Travis Moss-has moved to Pruitt Healthcare
- ♦ Nat Allen Long-rehab (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-Army Reserves, medic deployed for Covid-19 service

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Gene Bates who died last week. He was the father of Kevin Bates.

Praises!

Bill Davis is home from the hospital!

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.

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

Pam Stillerman,
Dan Walden, Allie Hay, Ken Walker
& Michael Thompson.

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 21 Pentecost 3

9:30 Zoom Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service
 Live-stream link: (Use for Sunday School, too)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89611618661>

Sunday, June 28 Pentecost 4

11:00 Worship Service (live-streamed)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87043047459>
 1:00 Session Meeting (on Zoom)

Summer Christian Education

For 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!](#)

For 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!

Compassion Camp is Coming!

Compassion Camp is a five-week at-home adventure for you and your family! Visit our [website](#) to get all the details and to register! Or, [click here](#) to donate a box to a family through the YMCA!

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	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

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Doug Bolton
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Pam Stillerman
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Susan Boteler
Aubrey Evans
John McCarthy
Stephanie Scarborough
Trista Hooten Wilson



THE TIME TO **GIVE BLOOD** IS NOW

First Presbyterian Church Covington **Blood Drive**

Wednesday, July 1, 2020
2:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Healthy donors are encouraged to come out and give the gift of life. To allow for social distancing, please schedule an appointment using the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org and searching: **firstprescov** or by calling **1-800-RED-CROSS**.



**All donors will receive a special T-shirt,
while supplies last.**

PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

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