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## *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 28, 2020*

### *Order of Worship*

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE                      *Come, Holy Spirit, Dwell Among Us*                      Edward L. Good

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

**All: Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward;**

One: and whoever welcomes a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous.

**All: You are welcome. We are welcome.**

One: Gather us in, O God, as we lift our praise to you!

✦ HYMN 307                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      CWM RHONDDA

#### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we bring our full selves before you in need of your grace. Our obedience to your Word is at fault. Our trust in your providing is weak. We welcome your mercy for us as sinners. Here we are. We offer ourselves to you seeking your forgiveness and loving kindness. We repent. We will try again. Forgive us and make us new. Recreate in us righteous hearts to tell of your grace yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Amen.**

#### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ *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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Oceans*  
Allie Hay

Hillsong

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

You are Loved! You are Valued! You are Welcome...

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

✠ HYMN 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

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

**God, our provider, we give our offerings of worship, our offerings of our selves to you. Use our offerings of time, talents, and tithes to speak truth to all of your people. Help us be obedient in our giving and our living through these gifts we bring. Amen.**

## ***BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD***

✠ HYMN 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

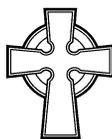
✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major*  
Allie Hay

J. S. Bach

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](http://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-Atlanta Medical for treatment of a blood clot
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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

## Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).
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## Thanks to those serving us today

Cy Wolverton,  
Dan Walden, Allie Hay, Ken Walker  
& Michael Thompson.

### 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!

Lee Scarborough is home from his National Guard deployment!

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: [info@fpccov.org](mailto: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, June 28 Pentecost 4

9:30 Zoom Sunday School (link below)  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 Live-stream link: (Use for Sunday School, too)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87043047459>  
 1:00 Session Meeting (on Zoom)

### Wednesday, July 1

2:00-7:00 Blood Drive (Details last page)

### Sunday, July 5 Pentecost 5

11:00 Worship Service  
 (live-streamed on Facebook)

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
 Stan Hall  
 Cindy Moon  
 Bob Tabb  
 Allie Hay

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Jay Lanners  
 Warren Liem  
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 Donna Weesner  
 Cy Wolverton

### Class of 2022

Susan Boteler  
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 John McCarthy  
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# 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](https://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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