

HYMN 71 (refrain) *Surely, It is God Who Saves Me*
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

ANTHEM

Take My Life

Hendon

Krista Firkus, solo Jon Paschal, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 4:1-9, 19-24

SERMON

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

So That the World Will Know

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 761 (stanza 1)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION AND COMMISSIONING

Presentation

Ada Hicks and Noah Hicks

Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

What does it mean to believe in the Holy Spirit? It means that apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related. Amen.

Prayer

Welcome

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

RESPONSE Hymn 300 (stanza 2) *We Are One in the Spirit*

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; 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, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of all good gifts, you make a way where there is no way. How can we thank you for your never-ending love? Accept these offerings as a token of our gratitude and signs of our hope in the realm you have promised, the kingdom for which we wait. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

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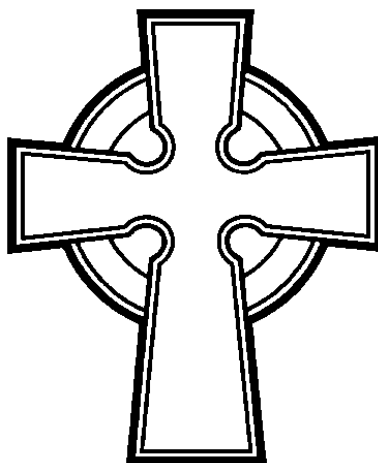
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572, Fruhfassung

J. S. Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.



Bible Study and Discussion Groups on Anti-Racism

"Entering the Conversation: Naming Our Story of Race."

The Anti-Racism Team and Christian Education Team of First Presbyterian Church presents new opportunities for us as the Body of Christ to study, consider, and name our role in systemic racism. You are invited to join us this fall in "Entering the Conversation: Naming Our Story of Race." (Join us for one series or both, join us for a week or for a month, but we hope we will all find a way to enter the conversation together.)

A Monthly Bible Study: (We will start on Zoom)

The Woman at the Well Dec. 9 6:00pm-7:00pm Facilitator: Neeley Lane
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87618791122>
Meeting ID: 876 1879 1122

Book Study/Small Group Discussion (We will start on Zoom)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034212359> Meeting ID: 840 3421 2359

Waking Up White by Debbie Irving Facilitator: Neeley Lane

November 16 6:00pm-7:00pm Chapters 37-45

We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

You are invited to "Text to Give"
 your offering: Text to: 73256
 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click
 to send

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 "T-Shirts", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ David Hunter-stage 4 cancer, prayers for his wife Martha, and daughters, Grace and Hannah (Jonny Atkin's uncle)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-hospital in Athens
- ◆ Roger Tingler-surgery on hip incision
- ◆ Betsy MgGehee-Covid-19 (mother of an Oxford Student)
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Trey and Cathy Davis - COVID-19 (nephew of Anne & Mac Cranford)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-cancer treatments (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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, breast cancer treatment (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)

- ◆ Carol Baynes-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)
 - ◆ 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



Condolences

We extend our prayers for the family of Robby Ashworth who died in October. He was the son of the late Joyce Ashworth; and to **Randy Layton** in the death of his aunt, **Ruth Layton** in Spartanburg, SC.

Praises!

We celebrate with Ada Hicks and Noah Hicks on their Confirmation today!

Thanks to our generous congregation for helping us collect more than 500 socks to donate to Change the World Day!

**Updated Procedure!
for
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. You must click to submit or we won't receive the request.

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,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, &
Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 15 Pentecost 24

Confirmation Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
10:00 Youth Sunday School
11:00 Indoor Worship Service (RSVP)
(live on Facebook)

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King

9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
10:00 Youth Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service (RSVP)
(live on Facebook)

Commitment Cards for 2021

Please prayerfully consider how WE, while "Opening Doors", can share all that God has blessed us with during these unprecedented times. Church family, think about all the doors we can open as we give through our Time, Talents and Treasure. Pledge cards are available from an usher if you need one. Please leave your Commitment Card in one of the offering plates on the narthex table.

"Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They should not give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

Christian Education

Children: Sunday School continues with Dan and Perri! Videos will be posted to Facebook on Sunday morning and will be available on our [website](#).

Youth: Join Pam, Jim and Kimmy on Zoom at 10:00am for Sunday School! We will gather in the Youth Room. Please enter through the doors near the sanctuary and plan to wear a mask. Contact Kimmy if you have any questions.

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 9:45am for Sunday School! This is a casual time of reflecting on Scripture together. Each week will be a stand alone conversation, so if you miss a week, make plans to join the following week! [Click here](#) to join.

Blood Drive—Wednesday, November 25, 11:00am-4:00pm

FPC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the fellowship hall. If you can take a shift to volunteer call or email Doug Bolton: dougbolton@yahoo.com. Sign up to donate blood at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>/donation-time.

Reservations for Indoor Worship Services

11:00 in person & live stream—Reservations needed each week

You may call the church, **770-786-7321, ext 1010** and leave a message with Peni or the answering service OR email: admin@fpccov.org. Please give your name & phone number and names of all those attending. Reservations are due 2 days before any service that you wish to attend. If too many register, those who communicate 1st will have priority; others will be placed on a "wait" list and will be notified about their place in line. No one may reserve more than 6 days in advance. Please notify us if you register and then will not be able to attend.

Covid-19 Protocols in force: Enter through the sanctuary doors, 50 people only, masks, temperature check, 6 ft. distance between person or family pods, restrooms are for emergency only.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for the First United Methodist Food Pantry

Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer and the link to sign up.

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

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Church Administrator

Peni Kehoe

Krista Firkus
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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Bob Tabb

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Pam Stillerman
Donna Weesner
Cy Wolverton

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Stephanie Scarborough
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