

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM (11:00 only) *Morning Has Broken*
Handbell Choir and Alice Walker, piano

arr. Linda R. Lamb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Opening Doors: "Church Signs"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 754 (stanzas 1 & 2) *Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Confession of 1967

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. God's sovereign love is a mystery. God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

RESPONSE 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, use our gifts of time, talents, and treasures to spread your love to all the ends of the earth. Ignite in us the willingness to place your commandments over all else. Bind them as a sign in our hearts, in our homes, and in our church this day and forever more. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 687 (stanzas 1, 2, 4) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* EIN FESTE BURG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

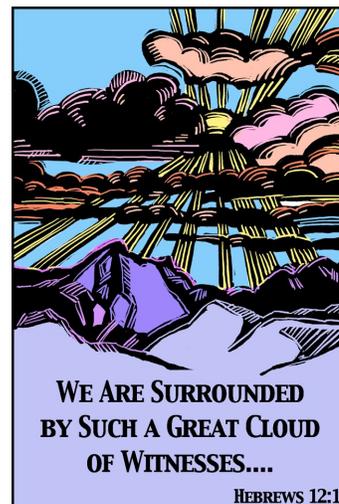
Our God Is One God

J. S. Bach

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

All Saints' Day

On All Saints' Day, November 1, First Presbyterian Church will remember and honor the saints of our church who have passed away this past year. We invite you to send in names of family members and friends you would like to include in our remembering the saints. Through this time of remembrance, we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. You may submit names to Neeley by October 27. Email to: Neeley@fpccov.org



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)

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| The Prophet: Jeremiah | Nov. 11 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Facilitator: Kimmy Briggs |
| | | | Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82654410217 |
| | | | Meeting ID: 826 5441 0217 |
| 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
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| October 26 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Chapters 10-18 |
| November 2 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Chapters 19-27 |
| November 9 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Chapters 28-36 |



FPC "SOCKS AND SEE" TAILGATE

Join us for a First Presbyterian "SOCKS AND SEE" EVENT on Sunday, November 8th from 4:00-5:30pm! We'll gather to "see" each other for a church tailgate while we "serve" by collecting 500 pairs of white tube socks to support Change the World Day. Park in the Chamber parking lot across from the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring your pledge cards for Commitment Sunday. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs along with white socks to donate and let's enjoy a fall tailgate together! All COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

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

- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Trey and Cathy Davis - COVID-19 (nephew of Anne & Mac Cranford)
- ◆ Dangar Family-family issues (friends of Barbara & Chris Martin)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Roger Tingler-another hip surgery
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ 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 (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆ 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)

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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 **Julie MacKenzie** and her family in the death of her nephew, **Steve Milton**, who died of Covid-19, in Minnesota, earlier this week.



Praises!

We are grateful for our FPC Health Team and their good work as we phase back to in person worship this Sunday at 8:45am and 11:00am. Thank you to our Facilities team for overseeing the project of a new roof on our church buildings!

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*

Dan Walden,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, &
Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 25 Pentecost 21

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
 9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

Saturday, October 31

8:45 Witness Team & Volunteers –Meals on
 Wheels Delivery to Covington Square

Sunday, November 1 All Saints' Day

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
 9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service RSVP for In person
 (Will also be live on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

Stewardship Campaign Season

We have mailed out a letter about our fall campaign for your consideration for the 2021 budget year. If you need another "Time & Talent" sheet or the Spiritual Gift assessment forms you may get another copy on our website by using this link: <https://www.fpccov.org/stewardship-2020.html>

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 **noon** for Sunday School! [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

Adults: Join us on Zoom at **9:45am** for Sunday School! This is a casual time of reflecting on Scripture to-gether. 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.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers from FPC take a turn at delivering meals to Covington Square Apartments (the hi-rise behind the church on Washington St.) whenever there is a 5th Saturday in the month. This month it will be **October 31**. Those who want to volunteer can email Doug Bolton to ask questions or to volunteer. They meet at the location between 8:45-9:00. You may park at FPC and walk over if you like. Email Doug at dougbolton@yahoo.com

Change the World Day Saturday, November 21

Change the World Day Change the World Day looks a little different this year, but we still need your help! We are collecting 500 pairs of white tube socks that will be given away as part of Change the World Day. You will be able to drop off the socks on November 8th during the after noon at the Socks & Service. See page 3 for details.

Reservations for Indoor Worship Services

8:45 In person; and 11:00 in person & live stream—Reservations needed for each time

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

Neeley Rentz Lane Kimmy Briggs	Senior Pastor Director of Family Ministries Church Administrator	Krista Firkus Alice Walker Danielle Schubert	Music Director CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb

Class of 2021

Jay Lanners
 Warren Liem
 Pam Stillerman
 Donna Weesner
 Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022

Aubrey Evans
 John McCarthy
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Trista Hooten Wilson