



## *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 13, 2020*

### *Order of Worship*

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

PRELUDE *A Hymn of Confidence* Max Reger (Chorale Melody Martin Luther)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

**All: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

**All: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**

One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

**All: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

✦ HYMN 611 (stanzas 1 & 3) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

#### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we must confess our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with your gifts, we forget to use them. Invited to follow you, we stay where it is comfortable. Have mercy on us. Open our eyes to what you are doing in our midst, so we might discover the hope and grace offered to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE 462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY  
***I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.***

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

ANTHEM

*How Great Thou Art*  
Janet Carmichael, solo

arr. Stuart Hine

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-24

SERMON

Stories of Faith: Deborah  
*Called by God*

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠HYMN 700 (stanzas 1 & 2)

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

♠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise because when you had had enough of the chaos, Covenant God ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion

*You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All thanks be to God!*

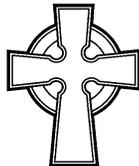
Prayer after Communion

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

✦HYMN 697 (stanzas 1, 2, & 6) *Take My Life* HENDON

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We're Marching To Zion* D. Varner



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

### **A Season of Peace**

For the next 4 weeks Prayer from the Pews will focus on the PCUSA Mission Agency "A Season of Peace."

Congregation members are invited to join in the daily practice of peacemaking throughout this month. Each week offers a new attribute of peace: Peace Within, Peace in Relationships, Peace in Community, and Wholistic Peace. More information for daily reflections can be found at [file:///C:/Users/neeel/Downloads/PGW20-Daily-Reflections-A-SOP-FINAL-with-images%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/neeel/Downloads/PGW20-Daily-Reflections-A-SOP-FINAL-with-images%20(1).pdf).

### **Phases of Re-Opening Update**

On Sunday, August 30, our FPC Session voted to move gradually into Phase 2 of our Moving Forward: Phases of Re-Opening. Please note the graphic on the last page of our bulletin. The Health Team will reassess on Tuesday, September 29, for worship moving forward.

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

## 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 "T-Shirts", 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 (and follow the directions on completing your donation).

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.

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

- ◆ Nancy Smith-cancer treatments (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Virginia Martin-facial dog bites (granddaughter of Christ & Barbara Martin)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Chris Martin-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ◆ Joan Wyatt-Covid-19 (sister of Denny Dobbs)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Mike Burns-recovering from surgery (brother of Cathy Dobbs)
- ◆ Pam Stillerman-car accident
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Bill Davis-home
- ◆ Roger Tingler-another hip surgery
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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 (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

#### **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.

#### **Condolences**

We extend our prayers for **Tootles Tingler** and her family in the death of her brother, **Gary Stone**, from Graham, NC, who died on Saturday, Sept 5.

#### **Praises!**

We celebrate all the teachers, students, staff, and parents who have returned to school! No matter what this year holds, never forget that you are loved by God!

#### *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*

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

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, September 13 Pentecost 15**  
 9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 (live streamed on Facebook)  
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

**Sunday, September 20 Pentecost 16**  
 8:45 Outdoor Worship on the playground (RSVP)  
 10:00 Adult Sunday School (link below)  
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)  
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

### Christian Education

**Children:** Sunday School with Dan and Perri is back! 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 9:30am 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 Zoom.

### 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.

### Outdoor Worship Sunday, September 20th, at 8:45am

Join us for Sunday morning worship on the playground. Safety protocols including masks and distance between family groups will be in place. **Call or email the church to RSVP by Friday, September 18th, at 4:00pm.**

### Indoor Worship Sunday, September 27th, at 8:45am

Join us for Sunday morning worship in the Sanctuary. Safety protocols including masks and distance between family groups will be in place. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to be seated. **Call or email the church to RSVP by Friday, September 25th, at 4:00pm. Church: 770-786-7321; email: admin@fpccov.org**

### Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, September 20th, 5:30pm



This outdoor event will be hosted by the Pastoral Care Team as we give thanks for our furry friends who care for us so well. All Covid-19 protocols apply. Pets will receive love and treats!

### Regarding RSVP for Worship Services

You may call the church, **770-786-7321, ext 1 (Peni)** and leave a message with Peni or the answering service OR email: **admin@fpccov.org** (give your phone number). 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.

### The Great FPC Bake-Off—Wednesday September 30th at 6:00pm on Zoom

All Entries to be dropped off by 5:00pm on Sept. 30 in the Fellowship Hall.

To enter: Email Neeley your name and name of dish by Sept. 20th to [Neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:Neeley@fpccov.org)



### 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](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);

By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

## 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

Susan Boteler  
 Aubrey Evans  
 John McCarthy  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Trista Hooten Wilson

# MOVING FORWARD: PHASES OF RE-OPENING



**Sunday, Sept. 20 at 8:45am**

**Outdoor Worship on the Playground**

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 18 by 4pm by contacting the church office (50 people limit including staff)

**11am Service is Live Stream ONLY**

**Sunday, Sept. 27 at 8:45am**

**Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary**

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 25 at 4pm by contacting the church office (50 people limit including staff)

**11am Service is Live Stream ONLY**

## PHASE 1

**DURING GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AND ACTIVE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

- CHURCH FACILITY IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC
- TECH TEAM IS IN PLACE AND SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED WITH LESS THAN 10 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON
- PEWS ARE EMPTY OF MATERIAL AND PEOPLE
- ALL GROUP MEETINGS AND CLASSES ARE VIRTUAL

## PHASE 2

**LITE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES (AFTER TWO WEEK DECLINE IN CASES TRACKED BY STATE & CDC)**

- CHURCH FACILITY IS OPEN TO OFFICE STAFF ONLY AS NEEDED MON-FRI
  - MASKS REQUIRED
  - SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PEWS WITH TRUSTED CO-HORT
  - TEMPERATURE CHECK UPON ENTERING
  - HIGH RISK & VULNERABLE PERSONS STAY HOME
  - WORSHIPPERS MUST BE LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE, PEWS ARE EMPTY OF HYMNALS AND BIBLES
  - MARKING AIDS ON PEWS/FLOOR FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING
  - NO CONGREGATIONAL LITURGY/SINGING/CHOIR
  - CHILDREN WILL REMAIN IN PEWS WITH FAMILY DURING WORD WITH THE CHILDREN
  - NO NURSERY AT THIS TIME. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WIGGLE AND GIGGLE IN WORSHIP
  - OFFERING WILL REMAIN SIMILAR TO LIVE-STREAM OPTIONS
  - COMMUNION – INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED ELEMENTS, IN BASKET – USHER WITH GLOVES AND TONGS WILL HAND OUT
  - IN-PERSON PASTORAL CARE WILL BE LIMITED
  - CHURCH STAFF TO ALTERNATE TIME IN OFFICE / CONTINUE SAFE PRACTICES
- FOLLOWING AT LEAST 3 SUNDAYS OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP at 11AM:**
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES WITH MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
    - IN-PERSON COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE GROUPS CAN RESUME
  - YOUTH ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SUNDAY MORNING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING
    - WEDDING/FUNERALS LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE

## PHASE 3

**OPEN CHURCH DOORS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

- CONTINUED SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN VIRUS' NUMBERS
- WORSHIP IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY
- ALL PARTICIPANTS WEAR MASKS
- PHASE II WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH ADJUSTMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATE
- RESUME ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- NURSERY RESUMES

**\* THE HEALTH TEAM WILL ALIGN WITH PRESBYTERY, STATE AND CDC GUIDELINES IN ASSESSING ACTIONS WITHIN THE PHASES OF REOPENING.**