



*The Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 5, 2021*



*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able

*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Here I Am, Lord  
God of Grace and God of Glory  
I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Dan Schutte  
CWM RHONDDA  
Karrin Ford

PRELUDE

*Arioso in A*

J. S. Bach

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?  
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?

**All: Shall we bring him all that we own—  
our finest possessions, our life-savings,  
our investments and property?**

**Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?**

One: No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told you what is good,  
and what he expects of you:

**All: To do justice.  
To love mercy.  
To walk humbly before God.**

*RE-WORSHIP*

✦ HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PCUSA Book of Common Worship

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and soul  
and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,**

so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Church, We are forgiven!  
We are free to try again.

✠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

May the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you!

### *Proclaiming the Word*

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

SERMON

*Bearing Fruit: Risk-taking Mission*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

### *Responding to the Word*

✠HYMN 761

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpt from the PCUSA Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. We believe that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God bring justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right...so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

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.**

OFFERTORY

✠RESPONSE Hymn 36

AR HYDY NOS

***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.***

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;**

where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

## *Being the Church in the World*

♠HYMN 765

*May the God of Hope God With Us*

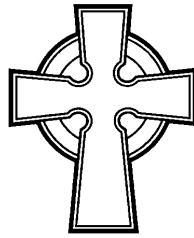
ARGENTINA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Healey Willan



### Worship Notes

#### **Spoken Liturgy**

Some of today's spoken liturgy comes from "The Presbyterian Outlook."

#### **Friendship Register**

There are Friendship registers in each pew. We ask that you sign in each week that you attend. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership signing in helps us with a way to contact you. The registers are also our way to know who to call in the case of a Covid-19 exposure. Thanks!

#### **Nursery for Children**

We have a nursery available for children newborn—1st grade. It is located on the lower level. Ask an usher to direct you. Children are also welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pew.

#### **Worship Bags for Children**

The bags are labeled with children's name tags clipped to their bag and they are invited to use the same bag every time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers we have bags labeled "Child of God The bags are hanging on a rack on the right side of the narthex.

#### **Serving Today:**

**Tech Team:** Dan Walden & Brad Phillips; **Usher Chair:** Cindy Moon

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# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, September 5 Pentecost 15

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
7:00 Jammies & Jesus on Zoom

**Monday, September 6** Office Closed for Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 7

10:30 Newton Trails Clean Up  
12:00 Lectio Divina-Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85622104607>  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, September 8

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
12:00 Endowment Committee on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85622104607>

### Sunday, September 12, Pentecost 16

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
7:00 Jammies and Jesus

### Children's Sunday School

10:00am

Sunday School Room Downstairs

Teachers: Rotation Model

Interested in teaching?

email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org)

### Youth Sunday School

10:00am

Youth Room Downstairs

Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

### Adult Sunday School

10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Bob Tabb,  
Charles Ardis and Brad Phillips

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund**

If you would like to contribute to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, collecting right now for the people of Haiti and for Hurricane Ida, you may make your check out to First Presbyterian and put "Disaster Relief" in the memo space. **The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

### **Jammies and Jesus!**

**Sunday Evenings at 7:00—7:15pm on Zoom** Jammies and Jesus is BACK!! Sunday evenings on Zoom. Invite a friend! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781>

### **Pastor's Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ Noon on Zoom! Join to spend time studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture text!

### **Newton Trails Clean up**

Join us on the Cricket Frog Trail on September 7th! Invite a friend to join you as we clean up our Newton Trails! Meet us at 10:30 am at the intersection on Conyers Street.

### **Youth and Adult Bible Study**

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom

Start date: September 8 on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161931180>

September Topic: The Beatitudes; October Topic: The Parables

Facilitators: Brad Philips, Courtney Pittman, and Neeley Lane

### **Fall Book Study—Tattoos on the Heart**

Monday Evenings 6:00pm on Zoom

Sept. 13—chapters 1 & 2; Sept. 20—chapters 3 & 4; Sept. 27—chapters 5 & 6

Oct. 4—chapters 7 & 8; Oct. 11—chapter 9

Books are \$13 please order via Neeley by September 9

### **Presbyterian Women Circles Kick Off!**

Sept. 14 at 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Join fellow Presbyterian Women for a meet and greet! We will hear Judy Davis share about the upcoming PW study. The Study Books for the PW Circles are now available for those who requested one (we have 1 or 2 extra). Please make arrangements to pick it up at the church office. They are \$11 and must be paid for at the time of pick-up. Make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put PW Book in the memo space.



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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

- ✦ Jeff Terrell-recovering from medical procedure (friend of Steve & Louly Kapp)
- ✦ Penny O'Connell - COVID (Relative of Neeley Lane)
- ✦ Prayers for Louisiana, Haiti & Afghanistan
- ✦ Jack & Miriam Wheeler-Covid-19
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Steve Jones-cancer (friend of Alice Walker)
- ✦ Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ✦ Hulda McDonald-health issues (friend of Judy Davis)
- ✦ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ✦ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ✦ Beverly Beasley-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ✦ 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)
- ✦ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's, breast cancer treatment (sister of Danny Vining)
- ✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

- Independent and Assisted Living**
- ✦ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
  - ✦ Penny Blakeney-home
  - ✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
  - ✦ Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter (address available from church Office or on REALM)
  - ✦ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
  - ✦ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
  - ✦ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
  - ✦ Louise White-Merryvale
  - ✦ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

- Military Service**
- ✦ Koen Ardis-Navy
  - ✦ Lee Scarborough-Army
  - ✦ Billy Scarborough-Marines

**Keep the APNC in Your Prayers**

Those serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:  
 Jodi Walden Atkins; Dana Hall;  
 Judy Hooten; Steve Kapp;  
 Randy Layton; Pam Stillerman & Bob Tabb.



**Prayer Requests**

All prayer requests should be sent to: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto: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.

**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 coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:  
 by email: [neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);

**Do you have a mobile phone or a tablet?**

If so, you can download the bulletin on your device to follow the service and save paper. If you pick up a paper bulletin please remember to recycle it here or at home! The environment will thank you! (Please do put your device on silent!)



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Neeley Rentz Lane Courtney Pittman Krista Firkus Alice Walker <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	<i>Senior Pastor</i> <i>Seminary Intern</i> <i>Music Director</i> CAGO, AAGO	Peni Kehoe Danielle Schubert Beverley Beasley Pauleen Green <i>Church Administrator</i> <i>Nursery</i> <i>Nursery</i> <i>Nursery</i>
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