



## *The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 26, 2020*

### *Order of Worship*

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

PRELUDE

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Robert J. Powell

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...

**All: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done!**

One: The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls...

**All: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done!**

One: The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown in the sea...

**All: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!**

**Let us worship the living God!**

✦ HYMN 47

*Bless All Who Trust in God*

FRANCONIA

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We of little faith approach your glory, O God, this day. We recognize our lack of faith, our lack of trust, our lack of imagining, creating, and participating in your Kingdom here on earth. Find us, search us, draw us in by your word to shape us as living parables. Forgive us of our sin, cleanse us, so we may live with proactive expectancy of your Kingdom come. 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 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD  
Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker, Duo-Pianists

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 128

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON *Here and Now* Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

## *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

♠HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The Lord's Prayer is a video offering of church members lifting their voices in prayer. May we all hear and see as we pray together.)

**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

**Sovereign God of all creation, we return to you what is rightfully yours. May the gifts we offer and the time we give expand your Kingdom to all the earth and share of your glory! For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

♠HYMN 372 (stanzas 1,2,5) *O For A World* AZMON

♠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor* 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

### **"See and Serve" Drive-through**

**Thursday, August 6 10:30-12:30**

This is an opportunity for our church members to see our church staff and our church staff to see you! We hope you will join us by doing any of the following: drive by to wave, drop off a church offering, and/or drop off donation items for our community.

Donation items include:

**For the YMCA Food Ministry:** individually wrapped snack bags (think goldfish, cheez-its, animal crackers, sun chips, pretzels, teddy grahams, fruit snacks, etc.)

**For the YMCA School Supply Drive:** #2 Ticonderoga, pre-sharpened pencils; pink pearl erasers; wide-ruled composition notebooks, glue sticks, kid's blunt scissors, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, 2 pocket folders w/ brads/prongs, pencil pouch

**For the Food Pantry:** baby wipes and baby diapers (or monetary donations)

**For Family Promise:** monetary donations (please put Family Promise on the memo line)

We ask all participants to remain in cars and wear a mask when interacting with church staff/volunteers! Church staff and volunteers will get your donations from your car.

Drive-Through will be on Brown Street (one-way street from Washington St.). Please be aware of traffic cones.

### **Health Update**

#### **Moving Forward:**

#### **Phases of Re-Opening Church Building**

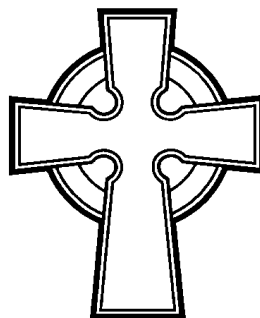
On June 9th, the Session voted on timing and procedures for opening the church for worship and other activities. Currently we are in Phase 1 and the church building remains closed with worship being live-streamed. Please go to our website for the full document: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org). 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 or Snacks for Children**

#### **New Schedule for July has been posted!**

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 and snacks. Please sign up for any slot for sandwiches or snacks in July 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 "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

- ◆ Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, 7/29
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Dick, Cindy & Shep Perryman-car accident (family of Loucy Hay)
- ◆ Chris Haymore-venomous snake bite (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆ Richard Griffin-heart surgery (nephew of Alice Walker)
- ◆ Debi Selin-home, recovering
- ◆ Kristen Anderson-hospitalized for Covid-19 (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆ Patti Hill-Piedmont Newton, Covid-19; her mother and bro-in-law are also ill (friend of Alice Walker)
- ◆ Jon Paschal-home
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (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-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
- ◆ Lee Scarborough-Army Reserves, medic deployed to Miami, FL

### Sympathy and Prayers

We extend our prayers for family and friends of **Randy Quintrell**, who died July 23. He was a lifelong friend of **Denny Dobbs**.

We extend our prayers and sympathy for **Homer Borders** and his family and friends in the death of his wife, **Pattie Borders**, who died on July 14.

### Praises!

**William "Will" Thomas Pope**, was born on July 13, 2020, to Liz & Andrew Pope. Chris & Barbara Martin are the proud grandparents.

### 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.

## Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://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

Patrick Carmichael,  
Dan Walden, Brad Phillips, &  
Ken Walker

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

<p><b>Sunday, July 26 Pentecost 8</b>            9:30 Zoom Sunday School (link below)            11:00 Worship Service            (live streamed on Facebook)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 2 Pentecost 9</b>            11:00 Worship Service            (live-streamed on Facebook)</p>
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## Summer Christian Education

**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 standalone conversation, so if you miss a week, make plans to join the following week! Join us on Zoom by [clicking here](#).

**Youth:** Join us on Zoom at noon for a conversation with 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 (sizes are limited)! You will receive an email about pick-up of your shirts.

## 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.

### 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 Church Administrator Music Director	Alice Walker Danielle Schubert Darlene Alley	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
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## MEMBERS OF SESSION

<p><b>Class of 2020</b>            Doug Bolton            Stan Hall            Cindy Moon            Bob Tabb            Allie Hay</p>	<p><b>Class of 2021</b>            Jay Lanners            Warren Liem            Pam Stillerman            Donna Weesner            Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2022</b>            Susan Boteler            Aubrey Evans            John McCarthy            Stephanie Scarborough            Trista Hooten Wilson</p>
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