



The Twenty-third Day after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday

November 8, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

O Worship the King
Holy, Holy, Holy

Johann M. Haydn
Robert J. Hughes

PRELUDE

Near the Cross

William H. Doane

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Darcel Tabb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! The King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors! The King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

HYMN 353 (stanzas 1,2,4) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to be stewards of your abundant love and grace. We know you have entrusted to us your creation: the land and sea, the trees of the field, the birds of the sky. You commission us to care for all of our siblings in Christ. We forget. Therefore we collectively say, "I am sorry." We are deeply sorry for the ways we have turned against your good creation. Help us to be stewards of your abundant love and grace: fill us, lead us, and send us out. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:1-12

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Opening Doors: Leave It Open!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 298 (stanzas 1-3) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PCUSA Book of Order F-1.0304

The great ends of the Church are:

the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness; and
the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

RESPONSE 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN
*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 all, let this be our solemn prayer: Through the giving of our time, talents, and treasures we will open our doors to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, care for those we love and those we ought to love and go out in to all the world sharing the good news of Christ Jesus. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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 sanctuary and 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.

For those worshipping at home you are invited to partake of bread and cup upon hearing the words "The Gifts of God for the People of God".

For those worshipping in the sanctuary you are invited to partake with individually packaged bread and cup located in your pew upon hearing the words "The Gifts of God for the People of God". Following communion, please place the cup back in the bag and dispose as you exit.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 298 (stanza 5) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in a, BWV 569* 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 Prophet: Jeremiah Nov. 11 6:00pm-7:00pm Facilitator: Kimmy Briggs
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82654410217>
Meeting ID: 826 5441 0217

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 9 6:00pm-7:00pm Chapters 28-36

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



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

- ◆ 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 **Randy Layton** in the death of his aunt, **Ruth Layton** in Spartanburg, SC; and for **Carol Adams** and family in the death of her husband, **Don**, earlier this month.

Praises!
 Congratulations to **Jake McCarthy** who was nominated for the Homecoming Court at Mercer University!

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, November 8 Pentecost 23

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

Thursday, November 12 at Chimney Park

5:15pm Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, November 15 Pentecost 24

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

Commitment Sunday

Today we celebrate **Commitment Sunday**. 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.

Young Adult Gathering

All young adults are invited to Chimney Park for appetizers on Thursday, November 12 at 5:15pm at Chimney Park (meet at the Chimney)! Bring a blanket or chairs and appetizers for yourself. Questions? Contact Neeley.

Reservations for Indoor Worship Services

11:00 in person & live stream—Reservations needed

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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 Kimmy Briggs
 Peni Kehoe

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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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Doug Bolton
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