



*The Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost
June 20, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*Fantasy on AZMON
When Morning Gilds the Skies
Sarabande (from Oboe Concerto G Minor)
Bill Cobham, Trombone Alice Walker, Organ*

Dennis R. Johnson
LAUDES DOMINI
George Frederick Handel

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctified Art

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

✦ HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

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✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"**

We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.

Can anything good come from that side of town?

From a school with poor test scores?

From a criminal history?

From the opposite political party?

From a history of addiction?

From a faith with doubt?

From a church with faults?

Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.

**Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as
the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there?

Yes. Always yes. 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

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

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Join Hands!

Roy Ringwald

Join hands! In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide world. Join hands! In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind. Join hands! Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Fathers as a son is surely kin to me. Join hands! In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North. All Christly souls are one in Him, throughout the whole wide world. Join hands!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-15

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

I've been meaning to ask...Where are you from?

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN 506 (stanzas 1, 3, 4) *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

COPELAND

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,
that faith can come from doubt,
that minds can be changed,
that justice can begin with us,
and that something good can come from Nazareth.
We believe all these things, because we believe that God is
more expansive than we have words for—
showing up in the corners of our world so often
ignored and denied.
We believe that from this place of holy surprise,
God invites us forward—
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.
“Come and see,” God says.
We believe.
Help our unbelief.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

✦ 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 GRATITUDE

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**God of North, South, East, and West,
I have been meaning to say... thank you.
Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.
Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.
Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together-
even when it's hard, especially when it's hard.
If people ask, "Where are you from?" my mouth speaks of geography,
but my soul always sings your name.
So today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing-
gratitude for the places we've been,
for the people who've shaped us,
and for the spaces we call home. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE 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.

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

Church, you are invited to partake with bread and cup upon hearing the words "The Gifts of God for the People of God." We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together. One bread, One Body! (instructions for in-person communion are provided for you with your individual communion elements.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Being the Church in the World

✦HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

POSTLUDE

Praise, the Lord! God's Glories Show

Rebecca Groom Tevelde

Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 20 Pentecost 4

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, June 22

4:30 Children's Popsicles and Paint (until 6:00)
5:30 Sanctuary Choir
6:30 Matthew 25 Study on zoom
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 23

10:00 Coffee and Conversation
1:00 Youth Work Day

Thursday, June 24

2:30 Ambassador Choir (Narthex Porch)

Sunday, June 27, Pentecost 5

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
(Livestream link provided in the Weekly enews)
5:30 Pajama Party
5:30 Movie Night: *Hidden Figures*

Monday, June 28

6:15 Session Meeting (in person and on zoom)

June 28-July 1

Neeley, Krista & Alice at Montreat Music & Worship Conference (virtually)

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.

Summer 2021 Faith Formation

MR. ROGERS' INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall - All ages - for a time for exploring what it means to be neighbors! We will begin June 6. Neeley and Courtney will be leading. Sundays at 10:00am. No Sunday School July 4th.

MATTHEW 25 STUDY: Our church said YES to being a Matthew 25 church. We will unpack more about what this means and how we can "act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor". Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 6:30pm.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Sanctuary Choir rehearses Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:30. Handbell Choir rehearses from 7-8 on Tuesdays as well. We would love to have you join us for either or both ensembles!



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Teresa Shaffer-ill (Kayla Dobbs' mother)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Angela Gregory-cancer, hospital in Scotland (aunt of Sarah Gregory)
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ✦ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ✦ 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



Praises!

Thank you to our Strategic Planning team!

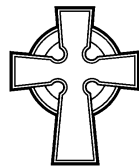
Prayer Requests

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.

Worship Notes

- ✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ✦ Music printed (and streamed) in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

Tech Team:
 Dan Walden, Brad Phillips
Usher chair: Pam Stillerman



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

MEMBERS OF SESSION

<p>Class of 2021</p> <p>Jay Lanners Warren Liem Cindy Moon Pam Stillerman Cy Wolverton</p>	<p>Class of 2022</p> <p>Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson</p>	<p>Class of 2023</p> <p>Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb</p>
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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;

