



# Youth & Children Sunday



IGNITING  
A SPARK



TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 20, 2023

First Presbyterian Church  
Covington, GA

✦ *Please stand in body or spirit*



# *Gathering As God's Beloved People*

## **Gathering Music**

*Arioso from Clavier Concerto in F Minor*

J.S. Bach

*Trumpet Tune*

John Stanley

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

John Wyeth

## **Prelude**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Matt Limbaugh

## **Chiming of the Hour**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Palmer Wilson

## **✦ Call to Worship**

Ruth Ralston, Kora Howell

God, we are glad to see you!

**God is glad to see us!**

We love our church family!

**God be with our church.**

We are thankful for the Holy Spirit.

**Help us to listen to you, God.**

Welcome to church!

## **✦ Hymn of Praise 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

## **✦ Call to Confession**

Paisley Lane

Let us splash in the waters of grace!

You are welcome to confess your sins to God.

## **✦ Community Confession**

Paisley Lane

**God, I am sorry for...**

**Saying bad words.**

**Not listening.**

Talking during homework and class.  
Forgetting to recycle.  
Being mean and not sharing with my siblings.  
Turning the lights off on my brother.  
Jumping on the bed.  
Back talking my parents.  
Fighting with my family.  
Please forgive me, Amen.

✠ **Hymn of Response 701**

*Lord Prepare Me*

SANCTUARY

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

✠ **Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness**

Parker S.

Thornton Holder, Rose Ralston

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

✠ **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**

*Pass It On*

Written by Kurt Kaiser

Dan Walden, guitar

#### **Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding**

Greer Holder

Dear God, Help us to listen to you as we hear from your children! Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 3:1-4*  
Paisley Lane

Pew Bible page 50

**New Testament Reading**

*John 8:12*  
Greer Holder

Pew Bible page 101

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Igniting a Spark*

Mary Lindsey Whisnant, Beatrice Briggs,  
Holden Evans, and Kately Lane



*Responding to the Word*

**♠ Hymn of Response 192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

**Verses 1 & 3**

**Acolyte Commissioning**

**Greer Holder**  
**Parker S.**

**Harper Holder**  
**Rose Ralston**

**Kora Howell**  
**Ruth Ralston**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Harper Holder

**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 Our Gifts: An Invitation to Generosity

Kora Howell

God calls us to be kind and to pray for our church! We are not to be mean to our earth. We are to be Jesus's disciples and put ourselves in the offering plate! You are invited to give your offering this day!

### Offertory

*Anchored in Love*  
Dan and Perri Walden

Alvin Pleasant Delaney Carter

### ✦ Response

*This Little Light of Mine*

LIGHT OF MINE

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine***

***Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)***

***Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

### ✦ Prayer of Gratitude

Thornton Holder

Dear God,

**We are grateful for...our teachers, parents, and food, especially macaroni and cheese! We are grateful for ice cream, history, and school. We thank you for our clothes, teeth, church, God, friends, and our pastors. Thank you for medical people and medicine, for chocolate and popsicles, for keeping us safe and the rain forest. We give thanks for online gaming, the elderly, ear drops, and Roblox. We love you!**

Hear now all our prayers of gratitude as we lift up our one-word prayers to you!



# *Being the Church in the World*

✦ **Sending Hymn 700**      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*      I'M GONNA LIVE

**Congregational Meeting** Nominating Committee

## ✦ **Charge and Benediction**

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**Postlude**      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*      Susan Caudill



## *Serving Today*

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley

Usher Chair | Louly Hay-Kapp

Acolyte | Mary Lindsey Whisnant

Worship Leaders | Beatrice Briggs, Holden Evans, Greer Holder,  
Harper Holder, Thornton Holder, Kora Howell, Kately Lane,  
Paisley Lane, Parker S., Rose Ralston, Ruth Ralston,  
Mary Lindsey Whisnant, Palmer Wilson



## Worship Notes

All worship liturgy today was created by our children during our Kids' Worship Class! Placed on the Lord's table in the Sanctuary is a new table runner which was decorated by our children. The handprints on this runner were also used in the creation of today's worship guide cover, along with the Igniting a Spark logo from our youth's time at the Montreat Middle School Conference. We give thanks for our children and youth - they are indeed the church of today!



## Worship Practices

### Children in Worship

*We have a "Children in Worship" guiding brochure available in the Narthex! This brochure is intended to serve as an aid to parents and other members of our congregation in welcoming our children to worship.*

Children are always welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pews at FPC! During worship children are invited to join us at the front of the Sanctuary for a time of Wondering with God's Children. Afterwards, children planning to go to the nursery will be escorted downstairs by Pastor Neeley or Pastor Erin. This is to help you stay in worship and us get them to the nursery safely. If you need help finding the nursery, you are invited to ask an usher to point the way.

### Sound System

We are excited to announce that Session has approved updating the sound system in our Sanctuary! Our sound system has not been updated in several years and we believe this is a valuable way to make our church welcoming and accessible for all of God's people. The new system is designed to improve the sound in the space, not only in volume but in clarity and it will include a Bluetooth hearing aid connectivity option.

Due to supply chain delays we do not have a firm timeline for installation, so we still encourage congregants who are hearing impaired to sit close to the front near the main speakers. Currently we expect to have the equipment by October and have it installed in time for Advent! Know that you have been heard and you are loved!

## Friendship Registers

In each pew there is a pad with a black cover that we invite everyone to fill out. If the Friendship Register is nearest to you, please fill it out and pass it down the pew so it can reach everyone. When you pass it on, we invite you to introduce yourself to your pew friends! We encourage visitors and newcomers to connect with us by filling out the Friendship Register so we can be sure to send you a message to thank you for joining us.

## Use

One License #A-728728 authorizes the use of music printed in our worship guide and streamed online.



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### Our Mission Statement

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### Want to Get Involved?

Reach out to become a more involved member of the church! We always have something happening that we would love for you to be a part of. You could be an integrated member of our church by volunteering with witness team, becoming an usher, joining a book club, singing in the choir or many other activities. Contact the office and we'll point you in the right direction!  
Email: [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org) or call: 770-786-7321

### Officers

	<b>Reaching Out</b>	
Curtis Watson		<i>Witness (2024)</i>
	<b>Engaging</b>	
Charles Ardis		<i>Christian Ed (2025)</i>
Pat Harper		<i>Worship (2024)</i>
Nichole Howell		<i>Worship (2025)</i>
Mary Catherine Whisnant		<i>Christian Ed (2024)</i>
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Doug Bolton		<i>Welcome (2025)</i>
Louly Hay Kapp		<i>Marketing (2023)</i>
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Dana Hall		<i>Faith &amp; Fellowship (2025)</i>
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	<b>More</b>	
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Stan Hall		<i>Facilities (2023)</i>
John McCarthy		<i>Clerk of Session</i>
Ed Perkerson		<i>Strategic Planning (2023)</i>

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	
Erin Morgan	<i>Associate Pastor</i>	<i>Nursery Staff</i>
Alicia Taylor	<i>Dir. of Music &amp; Worship Arts</i>	Hattie Bellinger
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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & HYMN SING** Sunday, August 20th 4:00pm Fellowship Hall

Send hymn requests to [alicia@fpccov.org](mailto:alicia@fpccov.org)

FPC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS **BELIEF AND - BEER -** DRINKS AND DISCUSSION AUGUST 29TH | 5:30PM LUCKY DAY TACO SHOP CHILDCARE AT FPC

TEXT "@K74G9K" TO 810-10 FOR UPDATES AND REMINDERS!

**WE ARE MAKING A NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY!**  
All in our FPC family (members & non-members) are welcome!

**Sunday, September 10** 12:30-1:30pm  
**Monday, September 11** 3:30-7:30pm

Scan the QR Code to get a time slot on SignUpGenius!



Check the e-news for more details!



The **Presbyterian Women** books for 2023-24, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, will be available for purchase in the Narthex on August 20th & 27th. The annual PW Kickoff will be held on Thurs., Sep. 14! Contact your PW Circle leader with questions.

**The Witness Committee** is looking into the possibility of starting a new ministry to visit seniors in local nursing homes.

The visits would be to interact with the residents, many of whom have few visitors. If you are interested in helping us start this ministry and feel that you could commit a couple of hours a month to visiting seniors, please contact Curtis Watson.

**Sunday, August 20**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship—Youth & Children Sunday  
Congregational Meeting  
Lemonade on the Lawn
- 4:00pm Ice Cream Social & Hymn Sing
- 7:00pm Jammies & Jesus

**Monday, August 21**

- 6:00pm Grief Group

**Tuesday, August 22**

- 12:00pm Lectio Divina
- 3:30pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 23**

- 10:00am Coffee Club
- 4:30pm Joyful Noise
- 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids!
- 6:00pm Carillon Handbell Choir
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, August 24**

- 10:00am Abbey Hospice Volunteer Talk

**Saturday, August 26**

- 11:00am Gene Wallace's Funeral

**Sunday, August 27**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship—Kirkin' o' the Tartan
- 12:30pm Session Meeting
- 4:00pm Youth Pizza & Painting
- 7:00pm Jammies & Jesus

**JAMMIES & JESUS**  
**SUNDAYS 7 PM on Zoom**



Join Neeley & Erin for a short bedtime prayer.  
Visit [fpccov.org/zoom-links](https://fpccov.org/zoom-links) to join!  
Starts back August 20th

# In Our Thoughts and Prayers

## Illness

- ✦ Rosalia Meadors , friend of Tom Crews - three year old with bone marrow failure
- ✦ Gabby Daugherty
- ✦ Brenda Howell - car accident
- ✦ The Crane family, friends of Alex, Barbara, and Chris Martin - mourning death of three year old child, Milo
- ✦ Caroline Harper, daughter of Pat Harper - cervical cancer
- ✦ Ken Walker - upcoming surgery
- ✦ Doris Deadwyler, friend of Judy Davis - hip replacement
- ✦ Meredith Nash, friend of Barbara Martin - four year old with stage IV kidney cancer
- ✦ Bill Loeble - recovering from kidney removal surgery
- ✦ Randy Jones, nephew of Faye Kitchens - lung cancer
- ✦ Bob and Beverly Beasley, friends of Jean Elder - health concerns and care

- ✦ Brenda Buckelew, mother of Jennifer Buckelew
- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Patsy Freeman, sister of Judy Davis - dementia
- ✦ Bruce Hamilton, brother of Theodosia Wade - immunotherapy cancer treatment
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Lucas, Morgan, and baby Nate, friends of Faye and Joel Kitchens - baby going through dialysis
- ✦ Lee Morris, friend of Donna Weesner - meningitis
- ✦ Taylor Waters, great-niece of Gene Wallace

- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - vision loss
- ✦ Joyce Williams, sister of Danny Vining - Alzheimer's

## Funeral Notice

- ✦ A funeral for Gene Wallace will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00am on Saturday, August 26, 2023


## Military Service

- ✦ Billy Scarborough - Marines
- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy

## Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - Oaks Assisted Living
- ✦ Homer Borders - Presbyterian Village
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Merryvale
- ✦ Louly Hay - Presbyterian Village Athens
- ✦ Travis Moss - Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Louise White - Merryvale

All **prayer requests** should be sent to: [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org)  
Requests may be removed after three weeks if not updated.

*Grief Group* 

Join Neeley, Erin, and some of your FPC family in the Parlor for a grief support group.

**Mondays in August**  
at 6:00pm  
August 7, 14, 21, 28  
Enter through the office door

**Sunday School**  
Sunday School classes are at 9:45am on Sunday mornings.

Children's Class (PreK-4th)  
Youth Class (5th and up)  
Foundations Adult Class  
The Wired WORD Class

Interested in teaching?  
Email [erin@fpccov.org](mailto:erin@fpccov.org)

**FPC Youth** 

**Pizza & Painting Party**  
The Turquoise Table Project

Sunday, August 27th  
4:00pm at FPC



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**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**  
August 27



Celebrate the Presbyterian Church's roots in the Church of Scotland!



You are invited to **"Text to Give"** your offering!  
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