

*Fifth Sunday  
after Epiphany  
February 6, 2022*



*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able

*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me  
Lead On, O King Eternal  
Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Paul Taylor  
Henry T. Smart  
Clay Christiansen

PRELUDE

*Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

Douglas Wagner

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*On Earth Peace*

The invitation is given to all by Jesus Christ.  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,  
at the invitation of Jesus.**

In the name of Christ,  
**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,  
**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds.

**We proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up  
whole lives, whole peoples,

**We proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**We proclaim a God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

✦ HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the deep blue waters, we find ourselves standing on the shore saying

*"I can't,"*

*"no way,"*

*"impossible."*

**We dip our toes in shallow waters hoping to be fulfilled...we begin to sink.**

**Give us trust, give us patience to dive deep into your Word so we may experience the abundance and depth in following you. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✦RESPONSE HYMN 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

***Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain. Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with You.**

### *Proclaiming the Word*

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SOLO

*Oceans*  
Ansley Stewart

Hillsong United

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

*Dive In!*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

### *Responding to the Word*

SOLO

*Light*  
Ansley Stewart, vocal Nick Johnson on guitar

by Ansley Stewart

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

HYMN 743

*O God, You are My God*

STEP BY STEP

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. (Repeat)*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

by Ted Loder

O God of beginnings, as your Spirit moved over the face of the deep on the first day of creation, move with me now in my time of beginnings, when the air is rain-washed, the bloom is on the bush, and the world seems fresh and full of possibilities, and I feel ready and full. I tremble on the edge of a maybe, a first time, a new thing, a tentative start, and the wonder of it lays its finger on my lips. In silence, Lord, I share my eagerness and my uneasiness about this something different I would be or do; and I listen for your leading to help me separate the light from the darkness in the change I seek to shape and which is shaping me. Amen.

## *Being the Church in the World*

✠SENDING HYMN 726 (stanzas 1,2,3,5) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Carillon-Sortie*

Henri Mulet

## Worship Notes

### Guest Musician

We welcome again, Ansley Stewart, as our guest music leader and soloist for today's worship service!

We also welcome Nick Johnson who will play the guitar during worship.

### Friendship Registers

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:** Brad Phillips, Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins; **Acolyte:** Jon Pascal;

**Usher Chair:** Stephanie Scarborough

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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

- ✦ Gladys Phillips-eye surgery (mother of Brad Phillips)
- ✦ William Stark-mother was murdered (friend of Brad Phillips)
- ✦ Virginia Martin-intestinal problems (granddaughter of Chris & Barbara Martin)
- ✦ Bernice Bailey-recent fall
- ✦ Kim Bailey-tests (family of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
- ✦ Melissa-cancer (friend of the congregation)
- ✦ Denny Dobbs-recovering from surgery
- ✦ Fred Calalay (friend of Angela Gilmer)
- ✦ Audrey Harper Arwood-back pain (daughter of Pat Harper)
- ✦ Saba Tanner-cancer treatment (friend of Warren & Jeanie Liem)
- ✦ Jennifer Magnan-stillborn child (niece of Barbara Martin)
- ✦ Jean Wolverton-See updates at Caring Bridge.
- ✦ Cathy Martin-breast cancer-chemotherapy (sister-in-law of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Jeff Terrell-recovering from medical procedure (friend of Steve & Louly Kapp)
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ✦ 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)

**Independent and Assisted Living**

- ✦ Travis Moss-Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Penny Blakeney-home
- ✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ✦ Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ✦ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ✦ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ✦ Louise White-Merryvale

**Military Service**

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



**Celebration!**

Congratulations to Eastside High School Junior, **Gracie Bates**, who will perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the High School Honors Performance Series!

**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. Requests will be removed after 3 weeks if not updated. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

**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.

**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);  
 By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

**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	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Alisa Castilla	<i>Seminary Intern</i>		
Alicia Taylor	<i>Director of Music &amp; Worship Arts</i>		<i>Caring for Our Children in the Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>		Danielle Schubert
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>		Beverley Beasley
			Amiah Williams
			Ian Rein

**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**DEACONS**

<b>Class of 2022</b> Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson	<b>Class of 2023</b> Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb	<b>Class of 2024</b> Pat Harper Brad Phillips Curtis Watson	Day Kennon (2022) Eleanor Scarborough (2023) Darcel Tabb (2024) Alice Walker (2022)
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# Activities In the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, February 6 Epiphany 5

9:45 Confirmation Class  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 Congregational Meeting  
 7:00 Jammies and Jesus

### Tuesday, February 8

12:00 Lectio Divina Bible Study (parlor)  
 6:00 The Art of Living Study on Zoom

### Wednesday, February 9

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
 6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 10

4:00 Finance Meeting on Zoom

### Saturday, February 12

9:00 Presbytery Meeting (Virtual)

### Sunday, February 13 Epiphany 6 Souper Bowl of Caring

10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 3:30-4:30 Children's Ministry  
 Field Trip to Community Food  
 Pantry (Details below)



### 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  
 Foundations Class, downstairs

### Women on the Go Monthly Book Study

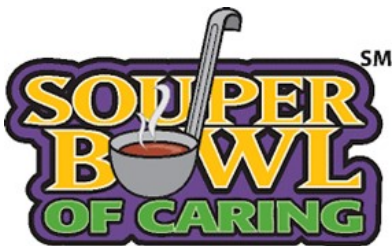
Brene Brown's *Daring Greatly!*  
 Contact Neeley for book \$12  
 Starts Feb 7th at 5:45pm  
 in the church parlor.  
 Feb. 7 intro and chap 1  
 March 7 chap 2 and 3  
 Childcare provided

### The Art of Living Study Group

Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm on Zoom  
 (see Enews for link)  
 Resource: Henri Nouwen and the Art of Living  
 Weekly Topics: Identity, God, Love, Suffering, Freedom  
 Facilitators include: Judy Davis, Dan Walden, Alisa Castilla, Pat Harper, and Larry Kennon  
 Books are \$14. Email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org) if you would like a book!



Handbell choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays at 6pm. Childcare is available.



**Sunday, February 13th** we will be collecting canned and packaged foods for the Community Food Pantry. We will also collect monetary donations in soup pots. Please be generous towards your neighbor who is struggling with food insufficiency.

Our Children's Ministry will take a Field Trip to the Newton Co. Community Food Pantry to learn about how it operates. Masks are required. The Food Pantry is located at 7125 Turner Lake Circle SW, 30014

### Basket for Teacher Treats for Fairview Elementary

There will be a red basket for collecting treats for teachers in the narthex each week. Place your prepackaged treats in the basket by noon on Thursdays for delivery to the teachers on Fridays.



### JAMMIES AND JESUS

Join Pastor Neeley on Zoom  
 for a 10-minute bedtime prayer.  
 Invite a friend! SUNDAYS 7 PM



### Newton Community Food Pantry

Our Community Food Pantry is open  
 Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

Donations are welcome.

Contact: Bernice Bailey 770-784-0037

7125 Turner Lake Cir SW, Covington, GA 30014


### Food Needs

Spaghetti  
 Sauce & pasta  
 Oatmeal  
 Dried beans

## Director of Music and Worship Arts

### Alicia Taylor

#### What the Nominating Committee Says about Alicia

We are thrilled to have Alicia Taylor and her love and enthusiasm for music, be a part of our CFPC family. She will bring all different kinds of music  to us through multigenerational handbells, adult choir, children's choirs, bringing the arts to worship and so much more. - Darcel Tabb

I was impressed by Alicia's interview and resume and the good things said by those she has worked with in the past. The minister that started John's Creek said people came to their church to hear the music. I'm excited to experience that here. - Jim Patrick

Alicia Taylor will bring a wealth of worship music experience to FPC. The Search Committee was thoroughly impressed with her many glowing references and, as we interviewed Alicia, we were unanimous in our support of her candidacy for this important leadership position. - Joe Moon

Alicia has deep experience with inter-generational church music. I am excited to see what wonderful worship arts opportunities she will bring for all ages! - Loucy Hay

#### About Alicia



God is so good! I am beyond excited to accept this new call to ministry, and I cannot wait to get busy serving the Church and this congregation. Tomorrow is day one of singing to the Lord a new song, and getting to know each of you is important to me. Please feel free to call me at the church to set up a time to get together over a cup of coffee, lunch, whenever suits your fancy!

My first days as a church musician began at the age of 12 as pianist for a small Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. I was too young then to realize that God was preparing the way for me to use my God-given talents to serve others and to explore my own faith journey! The Lord has opened one door after another over the years, and I have been blessed to serve congregations in Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, New York, Washington, and several in Georgia.

A little bit about me ...

I am a lover of people! I am a child of God, mother of four grown children, grandmother to one beautiful grandson, and an avid fan of SEC football (my blood runs orange and blue - War Eagle!). As the daughter of two professional musicians, my life has always been defined by music. My mother began teaching me to play the piano at the age of three, and my father presented me with my first violin a year later. In junior high, I wanted to join the big, loud brass section of the band but was told by the director that my embouchure was better for a wind instrument, so I became a flautist.

Growing up on the sidelines of many a halftime show (where I was positioned in the stands and told to not move because both parents were out on the field) and in the front row at many an orchestral concert (where I was also planted in my seat and told to not move and to not talk because my father was the conductor and my mother was principle cellist), I was trying to decide between becoming a high school or college band director or orchestra conductor, but God had other plans.

Fast forward several years, little did I know that all types of sacred music and crafting meaningful worship services would become my life's passion. Teaching the rich heritage of the Presbyterian Church, sharing the stories behind the Church's great hymns of faith, and cultivating the gifts and talents of others all bring me great joy. I look forward to learning what speaks to your heart in worship!

Faith journey: Life has not always been easy or kind, but the Lord has always been by my side, and I have been blessed abundantly. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, my Rock amid life's storms, and the Author of my salvation. The Lord is my Shepherd.

After 22 years raising my children in Peachtree Corners, I moved to Social Circle with my dog, Molly, to reside closer to my son Alex, his wife Ivy, and my precious grandson, Liam.

Fun facts: Andy Devine once played my violin in Show Boat; I once played flute with the Seattle Symphony in high school; I played the role of the fiddler in Fiddler on the Roof in college (the most difficult part was getting

on the roof and not dropping my violin!); I have twice sung as part of a mass choir in Carnegie Hall, once with the Atlanta Sacred Chorale under the baton of Eric Nelson, performing the Robert Ray Gospel Mass, and once under the baton of Jonathan Willcocks, performing The Sounds of War and Peace: A Great and Glorious Victory (many members of my previous church choir joined me in this performance).

Hobbies: Digging in the dirt (some call it gardening!), reading, all types of word puzzles, board games and jigsaw puzzles, enjoying my dog, trying out new recipes, and watching sports and HGTV.

### Session Nominee



**Billy Fortson** was born and raised in Elberton, Georgia. He graduated from Elbert County High School in 1960. He attended Oxford College and graduated from Emory University in 1964. Billy served four years in the United States Air Force. He and Stephanie Ginn were married in 1966. They have 2 married daughters and three grandchildren.

Billy started to work for Ginn Motor Co. (Chevrolet) in June 1969. He is currently the owner of Ginn Motor Co. and Ginn Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram, LLC. Billy serves on the Board of Affinity/Newton Federal Bank and Piedmont Newton Hospital, and a member of other community organizations. Billy has been a member of FPC since 1985 and has served on the Session previously in various capacities.