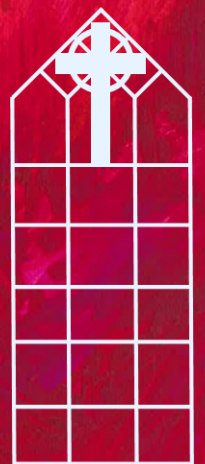




JUNE 5, 2022

*Day of Pentecost*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





## Gathering As God's Beloved People

### Gathering Music

*Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

*Come Holy Ghost, Lord God (Cantata, BWV 59)*

J. S. Bach

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

David Cherwien

### Prelude

*Reflections on the Spirit*

Joel Raney

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

### ✦ Call to Worship

Something strange was happening.

Something new was happening.

Tongues of fire touching people

Tongues of speaking strange languages, yet understood

Something shifted.

Something changed.

Something new was happening.

Today.

**Something strange is happening.**

**Something new is happening.**

**Something has shifted.**

**Something has changed.**

The church is not what it used to be

Nor is it what it will become.

**The Spirit is still moving.**

**Let us worship, knowing that the Spirit is moving among us.**

### Processional Hymn 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

### Call to Confession

### Community Confession

**Spirit of God, breath of creation, wind of change: you pour out your Spirit upon us, and we fail to see it. We are too preoccupied to feel it. We like to stay where**

**we are. We like our comfortable, fixed positions.**

**Open our hearts and minds to new hopes and dreams, with the promise of new life in Christ. Forgive us for our inability to change. Give us a clear vision for tomorrow. Open our eyes to opportunities for service and love. Shake things up. Spin us around. Show us all that life can be.**

✦ **Response 288**

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

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

Church, we are forgiven!

**We are free to try again.**

✦ **Passing of the Peace**



## Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Anthem**

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. by Lenora Hardy

**Wondering with God's Children**

**Anthem**

*Send Us Your Spirit*  
Stan Hall and Dan Walden, guitar

Text and Music by David Haas  
Arr. by Jeanne Cotter

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

By Hildegard von Bingen

**Holy Spirit, making life alive,  
Moving in all things, root of all created being,  
Cleansing the cosmos of every impurity, effacing guilt, anointing wounds.  
You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,  
You waken and reawaken everything that is.  
Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

Jay Lanners, Portuguese  
Krista Firkus, French  
Erin Morgan, Spanish  
Bill Clary, German

**Message**

Reverend Neeley Rentz Lane



## Responding to the Word

✦ **Hymn of Response 291**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

*An excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.**

## Offering Our Gifts

### Offertory

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*  
Carillon Handbell Choir

Arr. by Kevin McChesney

### ✦ Response 290

*O Day of Joy and Wonder!*

JONATHAN'S TUNE

**Verses 1 and 3**

### Prayer of Gratitude

*All are invited to join in our community Prayer of Gratitude by lifting up a one-word prayer of thanksgiving.*



## Being the Church in the World

### ✦ Sending Hymn 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

### ✦ Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Eleanor Whitsett



## Worship Notes

Musical offerings are an act of worship. If you wish to express thanks to God at the conclusion of a musical offering, feel free to offer a hearty "Amen," a Biblical way of saying "so be it!" and affirming spiritual gifts. Music printed in our bulletin and streamed online is covered by One License # A-728738 authorizing their use. Written liturgy today is provided by Rev. Anne Russ and Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald.

### Contact Cards

There are new Contact Cards in each pew. We ask that all visitors sign in each week and place the Contact Card in the offering plate. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership, signing in gives us a way to contact you. Members may also choose to fill out a contact card if their contact information has changed or if they would like to get more involved in the church. Please indicate if you are open to options or are drawn to a certain form of involvement.

### 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 each time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers, we have bags labeled "Child of God." The bags are available in the narthex.

## Nursery for Children

Nursery care is available for children newborn through first grade. Our nursery is located on the lower level. Please ask an usher to direct you. Children are also welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pew.

## Serving Today

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley, Kraig Howell

Liturgists | Bill Clary, Krista Firkus, Jay Lanners

Usher Chair | Stephanie Scarborough

Acolyte | Kately Lane



## Worship Music

### On Pentecost They Gathered

This text by Jane Parker Huber was written for the celebration of Pentecost. There are some hymns that mention the person and work of the Holy Spirit but few speak of the Pentecost event as "the birthday of the church." This hymn contains several direct references to Pentecost from the second chapter of Acts. It ends with hope that the singular event which inspired the disciples to "turn the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) will move modern-day Christians to do the same.

Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) was born of Presbyterian missionary parents in China and spent most of her childhood years on the campus of Hanover College, Indiana, where her father was president. Her mother served on the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and the National Council of Presbyterian Women. Huber has worked extensively in local churches, with Presbyterian Women and on women's issues with the Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served on the Presbyterian Hymnal Committee. Since 1976, she has been a writer of hymns with inclusive language texts, mostly set to familiar tunes.

MUNICH is an old German chorale tune named for the German city of Munich. The present form was adapted by Felix Mendelssohn, who adapted and harmonized the melody in the oratorio *Elijah*.

### Spirit of the Living God

Both the text and the tune of this hymn were written by Daniel Iverson (1890-1977). The story is told that George C. Stephans was conducting a revival in Orlando, Florida, in the spring of 1926. His friend, Rev. Daniel Iverson, a Presbyterian U.S. pastor from Lumberton, North Carolina, came and spent a few days with him. Iverson was extremely moved by the sermon he heard on the Holy Spirit and wrote the hymn that day, sharing it with his friends. E. Powell Lee, Stephans' music director, introduced the piece that night. Lee continued to spread the hymn through his work with Southern Baptist churches and through the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Iverson spent his ministry serving churches in Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Florida. After his retirement in 1951, Iverson moved to Montreat, where he died.

### Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Both the text and the tune of this contemporary hymn were written by James K. Manley in 1975 while he was working toward his Doctor of Ministry at Claremont School of Theology. After he completed the rough draft of his paper, he felt the "prodding and pushing" of the Holy Spirit as both a "comforter and challenger."

Manley's original text included the phrase "goaded your people" in the second verse. The Presbyterian Hymnal Committee changed the phrase to "gifted your people." Several printings included this change. Manley requested the original be restored, and it was restored to "goaded" in *Glory to God, the Presbyterian Hymnal*.

James K. Manley was born in 1940 in Holyoke, Massachusetts and was educated at Whittier College, Pacific School of Religion, and Claremont School of Theology. He was ordained to the ministry of the United Church of Christ in 1966, and he pastored several churches in California prior to his retirement.

## **O Day of Joy and Wonder!**

Violet Nita (Critchett) Buchanan (Mrs. Andrew Sinclair Buchanan), was born in St. Marylabone, London, England, and resided in Westminster, London, England at the time of her death in 1975. She is a relatively new name in American hymnody, but not in British hymn circles. Both Mrs. Buchanan and her husband came from distinguished families. Her father, Sir Anderson Critchett, was a noted physician, and members of her husband's family helped important diplomatic posts. Mrs. Buchanan was active in her parish church and often noted that she was an avid supporter of fellowship between all Christian denominations.

In a pattern common to many hymns, the first two verses here declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final verse becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as "Comforter divine."

## **Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

This hymn text was written by Janie Alford in 1979. Janie Alford (1887-1986), a Presbyterian layperson and poet, was born in Nashville and attended Hume-Fogg High School. At Watkins Institute in Nashville she studied astronomy, journalism, and income tax. At the University of Tennessee in Nashville, which she attended for one semester, Alford studied library science.

At 18, Alford went to work to support her mother and sister. She was able to put her nephews through school and worked for over 40 years as a medical secretary to a doctor. Alford grew up in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but transferred to the Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church, which later became the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville. She was a charter member there and started the church's library. Alford wrote poetry all her life. At the suggestion of Hal Hopson, she was encouraged to write hymns based on the seasons of the church year.

EBENEZER is by Thomas John Williams (169-1944). It was published in 1980 and is best known by its alternate name which springs from the legend that it was found in a bottle that washed ashore during a storm onto the Welsh coast. There is no historical fact to support this, however. The melodic sequence is characteristic of many Welsh tunes.



## **Worship Art**

Pentecost is the Seventh Sunday after Easter, or the fiftieth day of Eastertide. The name comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. On this day, often called the birthday of the church, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' apostles as they waited and prayed as Jesus instructed them. The coming of the Holy Spirit was dramatic and resulted in the infant church growing by leaps and bounds.

The liturgical color of the day is red, for the Holy Spirit. Red is the color of fire, of love, of power, and action. The bright red, yellow, and orange ribbons in our worship art call to mind the Holy Spirit, with the colors of flame and the movement of the wind when the banners are in procession. Today's paraments contain images of the Holy Spirit as a dove and flames.



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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 our witness team, becoming an usher, joining a book club, singing in the choir or any number of activities.

Reach out to the office and we'll point you in the right direction!

Email: [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org) or call: 770-786-7321

### Deacons

Day Kennon (2022)  
Eleanor Scarborough (2023)  
Darcel Tabb (2024)  
Alice Walker (2022)

### Session

**Class of 2022**  
Aubrey Evans  
John McCarthy  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Trista Hooten Wilson

**Class of 2023**  
Stan Hall  
Louly Hay Kapp  
Ed Perkerson  
Bob Tabb

**Class of 2024**  
Billy Fortson  
Pat Harper  
Curtis Watson

### Mission Statement

Covington First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community existing to glorify God by welcoming all of God's children. We celebrate through serving, teaching, praying, eating, crying, singing, and dancing with the Holy Spirit. As works in progress, we seek to respond to God's presence in our church, lives, and community.

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane  
Erin Morgan  
Alicia Taylor  
Alice Walker  
Catherine Laseter  
Peni Kehoe

*Senior Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Director of Music & Worship Arts*  
*CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir*  
*Dir. of Communications & Operations*  
*Finance Administrator*

*Caring for Our Children  
in the Nursery*  
Danielle Schubert  
Beverley Beasley  
Kennedy Lynn



**Sunday, June 5 Day of Pentecost**

11:00am Worship

**Tuesday, June 7**

10:00am Newton Trails Cleanup

2:15pm Office Staff Meeting on Zoom

**Wednesday, June 8**

10:00am Coffee and Conversation

**Friday, June 10**

RSVP Deadline for CPR Class

**Sunday, June 12 Trinity Sunday**

9:45am The Gospel According to Pixar

11:00am Worship

11:00am Installation of Rev. Erin Morgan

12:00pm Reception for Erin

# Give-A-Bell Program

For the continued growth of our Carillon Bell Choir, we need more handbells! We are incredibly blessed as a church to have the original gift of three octaves of handbells, and now we need to add a fourth. Our Give-A-Bell fundraising effort provides an opportunity for all in our congregation to "gift" a handbell to the music ministry, allowing us to add five additional ringers! You may give a bell in honor or in memory of a loved one. The price of each individual bell in the fourth octave is listed below:

**G3 - \$1,030 A3 - \$990 B3 - \$850 D7 - \$260 E7 - \$260 F#7 - \$260  
G#3 - \$1,030 A#3 - \$990 C#7 - \$260 D#7 - \$260 F7 - \$260 G7 - \$260**

Additional needs:

tables (\$300), table foam (\$75), foam covers (\$30),  
table coverings (\$150), acrylic risers (\$60), and music folders (\$12).

Please contact Alicia Taylor at  
alicia@fpccov.org or 770-656-6848 with any questions.



## CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Wednesday, June 15th

9:00am at FPC

\$35/person

Instructed by a First Responder

RSVP to Catherine,  
catherine@fpccov.org  
by June 10th



### VBS Joyful Noise invited to sing in worship!

We have had an incredible time with your beautiful children in Vacation Bible School this week! You and your family are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, June 12th, and Sunday, July 10th, at 11:00 AM. We will have the children participate in worship, singing songs they have learned at VBS.

# Creative Praise

PUPPET MINISTRY



Learn all about puppets and how to make them come alive - working the arms and mouthing words, help create backdrops, learn how to change scenery as a techie, narrate the storyline, and so much more!

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to:  
[catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org)

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



You are invited to  
**"Text to Give"**  
your offering. Text  
FPCCOV to: 73256

Or point your camera at the  
QR code above and follow the  
link to give online.

### Illness

- ✦ Donald Vinging, brother of Danny Vining - lung cancer
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer
- ✦ Rick Brown, brother of Sherri Bolton - second bladder surgery
- ✦ Tootles Tingle
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff Mackenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Kim Bailey, family of Bernice and Betty Bailey
- ✦ Beverly Beasley, friend of Jean Elder - caring for husband who has leukemia
- ✦ Joe Burckel, nephew of Danny and Beth Vining - brain cancer
- ✦ Bobby Cocker, nephew of Judy Davis - colon cancer surgery
- ✦ Anne Cranford - breast cancer
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Cathy Martin, sister-in-law of Chris Martin - breast cancer
- ✦ Melissa, friend of the congregation - cancer

- ✦ Barbara Phillips, friend of Alice Walker - cancer
- ✦ Blair Weaver - health issues
- ✦ Joyce Williams, sister of Danny Vining - Alzheimer's

### Condolences

- ✦ Our prayers are with the family and loved ones of Guy McGiboney, husband of Carol McGiboney and father of church member Donna Weesner, as they grieve his passing on the morning of May 26, 2022. A Service was held on June 4th. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you donate to the FPC Endowment Fund.

### Independent and Assisted Living

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

### Military Service

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

## The Gospel According to PIXAR

**Finding Nemo**

Movie Night  
June 15  
at 6:00pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

Join in the movie fun and dress up as your favorite Pixar character!

Then join us for all ages  
Sunday School  
**June 19-July 3**

*Finding Nemo*  
and *Finding Freedom:*  
Only the Losers Win

## Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, September 25

Honor the Presbyterian Church's roots in the Church of Scotland in a special service that will include bag pipes, field drum, and a blessing of your family tartan

Order from Alicia Taylor by July 17th to receive your family tartan in time.  
email: [alicia@fpccov.org](mailto:alicia@fpccov.org)  
call: 770-656-6848