



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
COVINGTON, GA

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 3, 2022



Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

<i>Bless Now, O God, the Journey</i>	Walter L. Pelz
<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	John Ferguson
<i>Prelude in G</i>	J. S. Bach

Prelude *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Sandra W. Jarrell

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

✦ Call to Worship

The Lord is near!

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice!

The Holy Spirit is present here!

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice!

Let us worship the Holy God!

✦ Hymn of Praise 307

God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Community Confession

Oh Lord our God, we have forgotten who you are and what you have done for us. Your great and miraculous works for us are lost in the recesses of our minds, and we could not care less about your commandments.

You have provided us with good nourishment; we think our own hands have provided it. You have provided us with sufficient shelter; we credit ourselves

with the strength. You have filled us with joy; we are happy with ourselves.

God, you have promised that you would walk with us through all of life, even when we sin.

Renew our strength because our souls are parched by the desert sun. Give us the peace that passes understanding, the joy that is only found in Jesus Christ.

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

Church, we are forgiven!

We are free to try again.

✦ **Response 581**

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

✦ **Passing of the Peace**



Proclaiming the Word

Wondering with God's Children

Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

Old Testament Readings

Deuteronomy 8:11-17

Psalm 72:1-4

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Message

Swan Songs

Rev. Larry Kennon



Responding to the Word

✦ **Hymn of Response 340**

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

✠Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Balm in Gilead
Aubrey Evans, alto

African-American Spiritual
Arr. by Harry T. Burleigh

✠Response 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

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 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Canonic Toccata on "Come Down, O Love Divine"*

Richard T. Gore



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.

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 called 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

Guest Preacher | Larry Kennon

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

Usher Chair | Bob Tabb Acolyte | Jon Paschal



Worship Music

God of Grace and God of Glory

This text was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick for the opening of Riverside Church, New York City, in 1930. The hymn was sung at the dedication services in February 1931 and was first published in 1932. Fosdick sought to make the church ecumenical, serving the needs of different social classes and ethnic groups.

Harry Fosdick (1878-1969) attended Colgate University, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Columbia University. After ordination, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Montclair, New Jersey. He taught homiletics and practical theology at Union Theological Seminary. From 1919 to 1926, he was preacher and associate minister of First Presbyterian Church, New York City. Fosdick accepted the call of Park Avenue Baptist Church, later renamed Riverside after the congregation moved to its present location overlooking the Hudson River. He served the church for 20 years until his retirement in 1946. He wrote 32 books and pioneered in radio preaching and pastoral counseling. He died in Bronxville, New York, at age 91.

Gloria Patri

This hymn, the Gloria Patri, dates to the beginning of the Christian church. Known as the Lesser Doxology, it derives its Trinitarian language from Matthew 28:19. Within Presbyterian/Reformed liturgies, the Gloria Patri is sung as a response after the Declaration of Pardon or after the Psalm.

The tune was composed by Henry Wellington Greatorex and published as "Gloria Patri No. 1." Greatorex (1813-1858) was born in England and received much of his musical training from his father. He came to the United States in 1836 and served as organist in Hartford, Connecticut prior to moving to New York City, where he served St. Paul's and then Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1853, he moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where he died of yellow fever.

This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone (1912-1993) was born in California and attended the University of Southern California as a music major, with the intent of becoming a teacher. Instead, he joined a circus bound for Hawaii and remained there for the rest of his life, writing poems and songs. This is his best known work; verses 1 and 2 were written in 1934 when Lloyd was 22 years old. Often combined with several additional verses by Georgia Harkness, the poem is typically sung to the tune Finlandia, composed by Jean Sibelius.

Lloyd also wrote a musical based on Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees," and several books of Hawaii-themed poems. Said one reviewer, "[Stone] does not sing of the palms and the surf, but of the earthy human beauty which is the heritage of the islands."

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan's hymns include both original work and translations. He sought to address issues of peace and justice. He was born in Haarlem in the Netherlands in 1929. He was baptized in St. Bavo Cathedral but his family did not attend church regularly. He lived through the Nazi occupation, saw three of his grandparents die of starvation, and witnessed his parents' deep involvement in the resistance movement. They took in a number of refugees. He became a pacifist and began attending church in his teens.

Having become interested in British Congregationalism (later to become the United Reformed Church) through a friendship, he attended Western College in Bristol. He was ordained in 1955 at the Windsor Road Congregational Church in Barry, Glamorgan. In 1963, he was called to be minister of the Pilgrim Church in Plymouth. It was in this congregation that he began to write hymns. He continued writing many more hymns throughout his life.



Worship Art

The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Eastertide (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle. The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin *ordinalis* meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and *tempus ordinarium*, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost. Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about, and join God's ongoing work in the world. We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration, and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

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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.

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

Email: 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

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	
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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!

Reserve your spot by emailing Alicia Taylor at alicia@fpccov.org today!

Sunday, July 3

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am Worship

Monday, July 4

Office Closed for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5

12:00pm Lectio Divina

2:15pm Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 6

3:00pm Puppet Ministry

6:00pm *Monsters, Inc.* Movie Night

Thursday, July 7

10:00am Newton Trail Clean Up

Sunday, July 10

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:45am Gospel According to Pixar

11:00am Worship

Neeley at Presbyterian Village Athens

New Sermon Series

Come to the Water! This summer we are diving into the Biblical stories of water through worship. Beginning Sunday, July 10th we will explore some of the most beloved stories of water found in the Bible. From God's Spirit hovering over the waters at creation to the endearing conversation that Jesus has with

the woman at the well, we will wade in and take a deep dive into the water stories that have shaped us as people of God. Come sing, worship, and wonder - come to the water!



Newton Trails and FPC!

We are called to be stewards of creation! We have "Adopted-A-Spot" on Newton Trails! FPC and YMCA will clean up a section of the trail between Conyers Street and the Covington Bypass. We start at 10:00am on Thursday, June 7th.

For more information contact John McCarthy.



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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Illness

- ✦ Tony Taylor, brother of Alicia Taylor - heart attack
- ✦ Betty Harvey, sister of Jack Wheeler - pancreatitis
- ✦ Ken Walker - recovering at home from COVID
- ✦ Mike Crews, son-in-law of Jack Wheeler - bladder cancer
- ✦ Donald Vining, 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 Tingler
- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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

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

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: catherine@fpccov.org
 Requests may be removed after three weeks if not updated. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for only the confidential prayer circle.

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

Text FPCCOV
 followed by your
 donation amount to: 73256

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



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
 call: 770-656-6848

The Gospel According to **PIXAR**

Monsters, Inc.

Movie Night
 July 6
 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
July 10-July 17

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