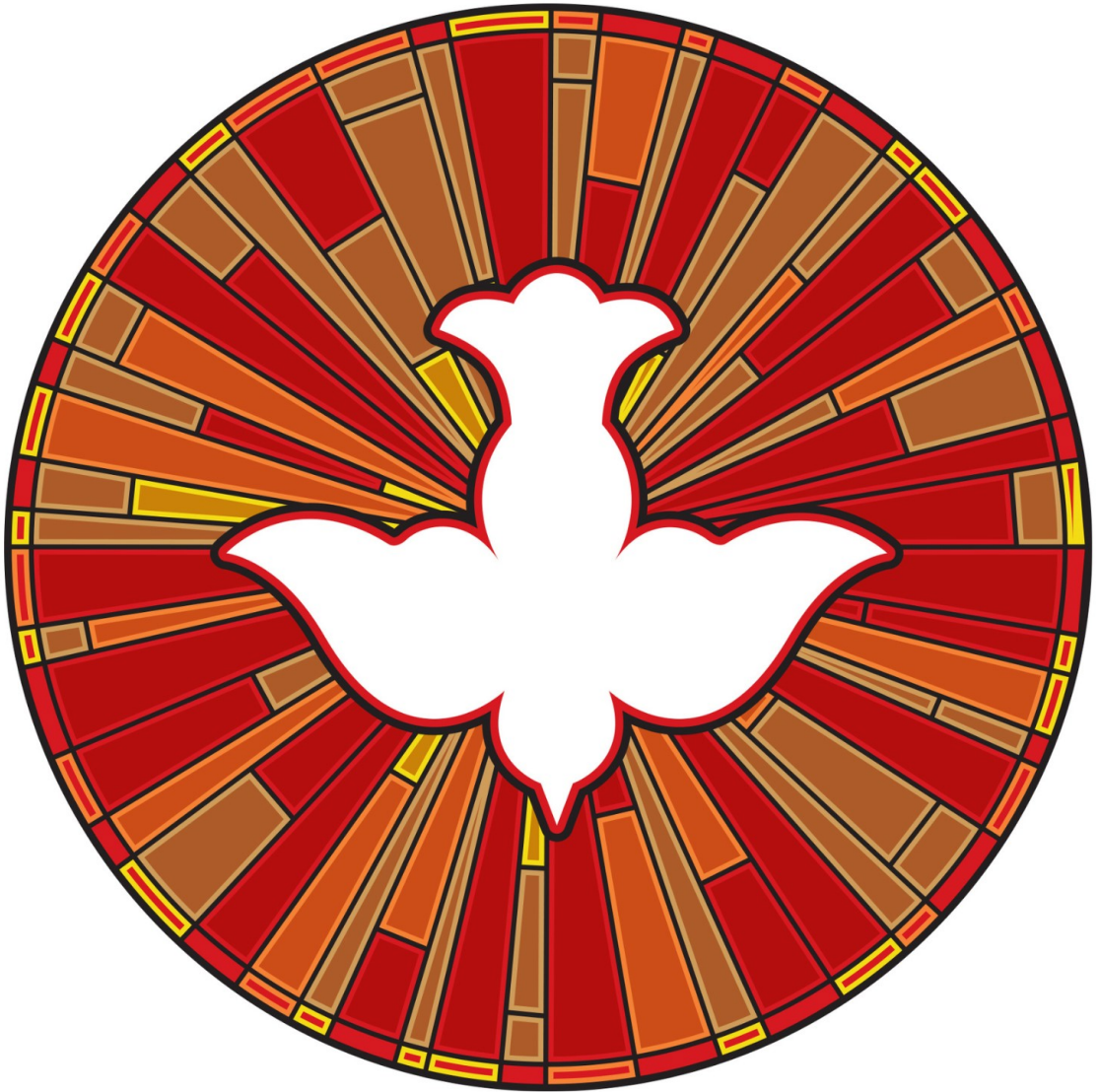


MAY 26, 2024



TRINITY SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church Covington, GA

✠ *You are invited to stand in body or spirit*



Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Fantasie on LANCASHIRE

Jason D. Payne

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Spirit Song

John Wimber

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing,
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"

**Above the floodwaters is God's throne
from which power flows,
from which God rules the world.**

God makes people strong.
God gives people peace.
Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn of Praise 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Community Confession

from *The Presbyterian Outlook* by Rev. Kyle Walker

For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

Forgive us.

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

Forgive us.

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior.

Forgive us.

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities.

Forgive us.

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.

Forgive us.

For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.

Forgive us and grant us peace.

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

Church, we are forgiven!

We are free to try again.

✠ **Hymn 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

Dan Walden

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

Arr. by Keith Christopher

Prayer for God's Wisdom & Understanding

Scripture Reading

Psalm 29
John 3:1-17

Pew Bible page 504
Pew Bible page 93

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Born From Above

Rev. Erin Morgan



Responding to the Word

✠Hymn of Response 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✠Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Jake McCarthy

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Jake McCarthy

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

Jake McCarthy

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering! Text FPCCOV followed by your donation amount to: 73256 and follow the link to give online, or scan the QR Code to visit the giving page! Select "2024 Pledge" if you made a stewardship pledge. Select "Non-Pledge" for a general plate offering.*



Offertory

Moderato
Alice Walker

Cuthbert Harris

✠Response 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

✦ **Charge & Benediction**

First Presbyterian Church Covington 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.

✦ **Postlude**

Carillon Francaise

Craig A. Penfield



Worship Practices

Offering Our Gifts—The offering is an act of worship! We encourage you to place something in the offering plate as it comes to you. Pens and notecards are available at the end of the pews if you would like to place a prayer of how you plan to be a good steward this week. We have envelopes in the pews which you may use to hold your cash or check offering when you place it in the offering plate. You are invited to offer your prayers, tithes, and talents through the offering plate!

Facility Update—Great news! We are updating our building with a new sprinkler and fire security system. Please be aware of work areas throughout the church building. We will be sure to communicate all space changes if needed.

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. If you need help finding the nursery, you are invited to ask an usher to point the way. If your child needs to leave the Sanctuary for whatever reason, please accompany them throughout the building.

Accessibility—In an effort to make FPC a welcoming place for ALL of God’s people we have removed a portion of one of our pews in the Sanctuary to make our space more accessible to wheelchair and walker users! We’ve also recently updated our sound system to have Bluetooth capabilities. If you'd like to learn about connecting your Bluetooth hearing aids to our Sanctuary sound system we invite you to talk to Dan Walden on the Tech Team.

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. *Messages and data rates may apply when using Text to Give. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.



Serving Today

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Kenny Compton, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley, Kraig Howell
Usher Chair | Doug Bolton



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Officers

Reaching Out	
Luke Usry	Witness (2026)
Curtis Watson	Witness (2024)
Engaging	
Charles Ardis	Faith Formation (2025)
Pat Harper	Worship (2024)
Nichole Howell	Worship (2025)
Mary Catherine Whisnant	Faith Formation (2024)
Belonging	
Doug Bolton	Welcome (2025)
Pam Stillerman	Welcome, Worship (2026)
Billy Fortson	Finance, Personnel (2024)
Connecting (Deacons)	
Janet Carmichael	Pastoral Care (2026)
Tom Crews	Pastoral Care (2025)
Dana Hall	Faith & Fellowship (2025)
Darcel Tabb	Faith & Fellowship (2024)
More	
Jodi Atkins	Strategic Planning (2026)
Kenny Compton	Facilities (2026)
John McCarthy	Clerk of Session
Danny Vining	Personnel (2025)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Most recent prayer requests

Requests will be moved to "ongoing" after three weeks unless the office is notified

- ✦ Bruce & Olympia Bynum, friends of Curtis & Carolyn Watson - cancer treatment
- ✦ Bernice Bailey - fall

Ongoing prayer requests

Requests will be removed after six weeks unless the office is notified.

- ✦ Sarah Bates & baby Joey, granddaughter-in-law of Sonny McDonald - premature birth
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Charlie Kennon, brother of Larry Kennon
- ✦ Vonzella Lee, friend of Barbara Martin
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Grant Moss & Chris Mattice, family of Louly Fowler Hay - cancer & care

- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - vision loss
- ✦ Martha Young, grandmother of Cotton Young - cancer
- ✦ Armondo Castro, friend of Mark Fogarty
- ✦ Nancy, friend of Mark & Jennifer Fogarty - stage IV pancreatic cancer
- ✦ Sheree Evans, friend of Cathy & Denny Dobbs - treatment for cancer
- ✦ Katherine Carey, mother of Erin Stillerman

Condolences

- ✦ Our thoughts and prayers are with Debi Selin and her loved ones as they mourn the passing of her mother, Elizabeth Nagby.
- ✦ Our thought and prayers are with Randy Layton and his loved ones as they mourn the passing of his cousin, Jeanelle Brown.

Military Service

- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy
- ✦ Billy Scarborough - Marines
- ✦ Clint Williams - Army
- ✦ Daryl Williams - Army

Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - Oaks Assisted Living
- ✦ Homer Borders - Presbyterian Village
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Madison, GA
- ✦ Louly Hay - Presbyterian Village Athens
- ✦ Jon Paschal - Annandale Village, Suwanee
- ✦ Louise White - Merryvale

Prayer requests and updates may be given to either of our pastors, put in the offering plate, or emailed to catherine@fpccov.org

Older Adults Sharing In Service
O.A.S.I.S. at FPC

The King Center & Ebenezer Baptist
ATLANTA, GA

Join your OASIS friends for a tour of the King Center and The Rev. Martin Luther King's home church, Ebenezer Baptist

JUNE 20, 2024

Meet at FPC at 9:30am to carpool
 Cost: FREE admission, plus lunch at Marcus Bar & Grill
 RSVP to Neeley by June 10th

NEELEY'S NOOK
 LEADERSHIP BOOK CLUB

MONTHLY TUESDAYS
 6:00PM-7:00PM ON ZOOM

VISIT [FPCCOV.ORG/ZOOM-LINKS TO JOIN!](https://fpccov.org/zoom-links-to-join)

PURSuing GOD'S WILL
TOGETHER: A DISCERNMENT
PRACTICE FOR LEADERSHIP
BY RUTH HALEY BARTON

JUNE 4TH

BEGINNING JUNE 2ND

Donuts & DEVO

COMBINED ADULT
 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM
 IN THE GATHERING ROOM

Summer Sunday School at 10:00am

Children (PreK-4th) -
 Playground Time
 Youth (5th+) - Summer of Service in Youth Room

The Great Church

chill out

A Study of Psalms

June 2-30

Sundays at 11:00am

In the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

*Our Worship team is creating NEW Advent Paraments for our worship space!
 We want you to be a part of the creation!*

We invite you to bring in a piece of fabric - purples and rust browns - to add to our organ banner and pulpit banner. You may bring in a small piece of fabric from a favorite old shirt, a blanket, or a piece that represents your family. We only need shades of purple or brown. We ask that your fabric piece is no larger than hand length. Please bring your pieces to Neeley by July 30. Contact Pat Harper, Beverly Kratz, or Debi Selin with questions!

Mini-mission trips in the Atlanta area with your FPC Family

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COVINGTON, GA

2024 MISSION Extravaganza

JUNE 10TH-13TH

6/10 GARDENING
La Armistad Organization

6/11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Grace United Methodist

6/12 GRADY FRESH FOOD CART
Hands on Atlanta

6/13 HUNGER RELIEF
Hope Women's Community Kitchen

REGISTER AT [FPCCOV.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpccov.org/signup)

Register for one or all of these daily mission trips

SEND QUESTIONS TO [ERIN@FPCCOV.ORG](mailto:erin@fpccov.org)

NEW LOCAL TUESDAY MISSION!

Sunday, May 26

Trinity Sunday

11:00am Worship

Monday, May 27

Office CLOSED for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

5:30pm Somehow Book Study

Wednesday, May 29

10:00am Coffee Club

5:00pm Set-up for VBS

6:00pm Handbell Choir

Sunday, June 2

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Commissioning VBS Volunteers

10:00am Donuts & Devo—Sunday School

10:15am Sing in the Summer Choir

11:00am Worship—Settle In

Help us get crafty for VBS!

We need cardboard boxes and cereal boxes for a craft project the kids will do at VBS in the first week of June. Get that stack of boxes out of your house for a good activity!

Please drop boxes off at the church by **June 2nd** so we can have them for VBS. Talk to Erin if you have any questions!

JOIN US FOR

POPSICLES ON THE LAWN

FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH!

Singing in the Summer!

Summer is a good time to try something new!

During the month of June, the choir will be rehearsing only on Sunday mornings in the Choir Room at 10:20am and ALL are welcome to join us! You don't have to be an experienced singer, the songs that we will be going through will be simple songs, many of which you may already know.

July will be a month of special music and small ensembles. If you would be interested in singing a solo, singing in a small ensemble (duet, trio, quartet, etc.), or playing an instrument in worship please let Mark Fiddie know during month of June.



FPC KIDS

FUN IN THE SUN

WATER DAY

June 9th

12:00pm-2:00pm

Bring your bathing suit, sunscreen, and a towel!

Lunch provided.

RSVP to Erin by June 5th

"A beautiful, funny and sometimes sob-making story of quiet transformation."
—The Wall Street Journal

Youth Summer Book Club

Youth are invited to join us as we read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio on Wednesdays this Summer!

The first meeting will be in the Youth Room on June 5th after VBS, but the rest will be on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Discussion will be led by our seminary intern Jiyeong!