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The Gospel According to Bluey



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February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany

✠ *You are invited to stand in body OR in spirit* ❖

Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

*I Will Enter His Gates/This Is the Day
According to Thy Gracious Word
When In Our Music God is Glorified*

Arr. Mark Hayes
TALLIS' CANNON
ENGLEBERG

Invitation to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7, 9-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
**and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.**

✠ Hymn of Praise 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

✠ Call to Confession

✠Community Confession

excerpt from Cole Arthur Riley

God of levity,

Grant us a rest that permeates our waking hours.

Mark our days with the recreation and playfulness of our youth.

Restore to us the energy of mischief and creativity.

For we confess that we have chosen exhaustion over dreaming.

We have traded our own peace,

our communion with our own interior landscapes,

for the frenzied noise of an exhausted world.

Forgive us.

And have mercy on our weary souls,

that we would locate the holy quiet, the divine lullaby.

Remind us that a light heart is not a heart that lacks depth.

That our play does not negate our grief.

Let us rest in You in the way we need today. Amen

✠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)

We invite our children to come forward and to play shakers during this song!

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

Anthem

How Great Thou Art
Aubrey Evans, flute

Arr. Gary Lanier

Prayer for God's Wisdom & Understanding

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 8:1-13

Pew Bible page 883

Message

The Gospel According to Bluey:
What Does Peace Look Like?

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane



Responding to the Word

✠Response 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

***Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

***Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

Make me a channel of your peace.

***It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Offering Our Gifts: An Invitation to Generosity

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering! Text* FPCCOV to: 73256 and follow the link to give online, or scan the QR Code to visit the giving page! Select **"2026 Pledge"** if you made a pledge during stewardship season. Select "Non-Pledge" for a general offering.



Offertory

Oh, How He Loves You and Me
Alice Walker, organ

Kurt Kaiser

✦ Response 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Prayer of Dedication & Gratitude



Being the Church in the World

✦ Sending Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Congregational Meeting

✦ Charge & Benediction

✦ Postlude

Lord, Lift Me Up and Let Me Stand

HIGHER GROUND



Worship Practices

The Gospel According to Bluey—Many children and adults alike are fond of a Children's cartoon called *Bluey*. *Bluey* is a highly popular Australian animated children's TV show about an inexhaustible, imaginative 6-year-old blue Heeler puppy named Bluey, who lives with her parents (Bandit and Chilli) and younger sister (Bingo) in Brisbane, Australia. Bluey and her family turn everyday family life into playful, imaginative adventures with a focus on creativity, kindness, and family bonding. Created by Joe Brumm and produced by Ludo Studio, it's known as a "co-viewing"

show, enjoyed by both kids and adults for its relatable themes and heartfelt messages.

I wonder what we as Christians, as disciples of Jesus Christ, as the church family of FPC, can learn from this extremely popular animated children's program of today! For the next four weeks we will be exploring how dogs can teach US a few tricks in our worship series "The Gospel According to Bluey." Through this series we will listen to the lessons embodied through Bluey and marvel in what scripture has to say to us!

This week's worship is inspired by *Bluey* season one episode three "Keepy Uppy".

Offering Cards—The offering is an act of worship! We encourage you to place something in the offering plate as it comes to you. Throughout the pews you will find a selection of "offering cards" which we invite you to use to share how you intend to be a good steward this week. *Connect* with us as a newcomer by sharing about yourself or your family. *Pray* with us by offering a prayer which will be shared with the pastor. *Serve* with us by telling us how you will use your time and talent this week. Or *Give* with us by placing either a card to represent your online gift or physical cash or check offering. These offering cards are an invitation to generosity!

First time visiting? We're so glad you're here!—Please take a moment to fill out the Connect Card in the pew pocket in front of you. After worship, let us know it's your first time—we have a gift for you with info about our church and a free treat from The Little Rabbit Bake Shop!

Want to learn more about our church family, baptism, communion, or Bible study? Just mark it on the card—we'd love to connect with you!

Accessibility—A limited supply of large print worship guides and hymns are available in the narthex. Please return the large print binder to an usher at the end of worship so it may be updated for next week. If you'd like to learn about connecting your Bluetooth hearing aids to our Sanctuary sound system we invite you to talk to our Tech Team.

A Note For Those That Pledge Online Through REALM—When you schedule your pledge payment through REALM you must choose the "2026 pledge" fund (if you signed a pledge card) for it to post and accrue to your 2026 pledge. The

Finance Administrator cannot make that change for you unless she has your banking or credit card information. So, please, if have recurring/automatic payments set up in Realm, go into your account and verify it is going to the correct fund. If you set up a scheduled payment for your 2025 pledge it does not update to the 2026 fund automatically and you will need to change your set up.

If you need help with changing or setting up online giving, Peni Kehoe will be glad to help when she is in the office. Office hours are: 10am–3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. 470-782-8267 or *email peni@fpccov.org*. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministries of Covington First Presbyterian Church.

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Art: *Keepy Uppy* by Ruby Wells



Serving Today

Usher Chair | Hardy Sideris

Acolytes | Parker Firkus, Thornton Holder, Nova Puckett

Tech Team | Laramy Wells, Brad Hawley

First Presbyterian Church Staff		
Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor & Head of Staff</i>	<i>Nursery Staff</i>
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Officers	
Reaching Out	
Sara Chini	<i>Witness (2026)</i>
Yvonne Hill-Davenport	<i>Witness (2028)</i>
Stephanie Scarborough	<i>Witness (2027)</i>
Bob Tabb	<i>Thriving Congregations (2028)</i>
Engaging	
Krista Firkus	<i>Faith Formation (2027)</i>
Hardy Fortson Sideris	<i>Worship (2027)</i>
Chuck Williams	<i>Faith Formation (2028)</i>
Angie Woodham	<i>Worship (2028)</i>
Belonging	
Gary Boteler	<i>Finance (2027)</i>
Pam Stillerman	<i>Welcome (2026)</i>
Bethany Wells	<i>Welcome (2028)</i>
Connecting (Deacons)	
Cathy Dobbs	<i>Pastoral Care (2027)</i>
Denny Dobbs	<i>Pastoral Care (2027)</i>
Beverly Kratz	<i>Faith & Fellowship (2028)</i>
Darcel Tabb	<i>Faith & Fellowship (2027)</i>
More	
Jodi Atkins	<i>Preschool (2026)</i>
Kenny Compton	<i>Facilities (2026)</i>
Jo Anna Fish	<i>Personnel (2027)</i>
John McCarthy	<i>Clerk of Session</i>

Emergency Response Team
<i>In the event of an emergency including tornado, fire, intruder, and medical emergencies, the Emergency Response Team will lead the church's response and may be identified by wearing yellow visibility vests. If these people are not present for an emergency secondary responders will wear ERT vests. Please follow any directions given by the following people in the event of an emergency:</i>
Primary Point Person—Neeley Rentz Lane
Facility/Security Response—Kenny Compton, Stan Hall, John McCarthy
Medical Response—Nichole Howell, Pam Stillerman



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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Most recent prayer requests

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

- ✦ Julia MacKenzie - upcoming eye surgery
- ✦ Ed Perkerson - early Parkinson's
- ✦ Starr Puckett - rotary cuff surgery
- ✦ Greg Brickell, friend of Sam & Loucy Hay
- ✦ Gail Watson, friend of Mark Fiddie - mourning the loss of her husband James
- ✦ Sarah Davis - moved to Merryvale
- ✦ Aviya Castilla, sister of Alisa Castilla
- ✦ Mary Alice Clark, cousin of Denny Dobbs - serious blood illness

Ongoing prayer requests

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

- ✦ Luke Crum, brother-in-law of Jenn Arndt - in the ICU
- ✦ Ariana Donaldson, friend of Hannah Freeman

- ✦ Otis Andrews, friend of the Buckelew/McSwain family - in the ICU
- ✦ Joy Bouchard, family of Sara Chini - pneumonia
- ✦ Norma C. Couch, friend of Starr & Taryn Puckett - recovering from heart transplant
- ✦ Aria Jo, friend of Ruby Wells - infant with poor immune system
- ✦ Jill Chandler, sister of Brad Hawley - cancer
- ✦ Katelyn Jackson, niece of Kim McSwain - stage 3 breast cancer
- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Mark Wells, family of Lily Wells
- ✦ Bob Woodham, family of Angie Woodham - recovering from a fall
- ✦ Dan Walden - bone marrow transplant
- ✦ James Eason, grandfather of Hannah Freeman
- ✦ Bill Loeble, friend of Billy Wade - cancer

- ✦ Nancy, friend of Mark & Jennifer Fogarty - stage IV pancreatic cancer
- ✦ Ricky, friend of John Leavitt - colon cancer
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining
- ✦ Virginia, mother of Tammi Welch

Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Reid Buckelew - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Sarah Davis - Merryvale Assisted Living
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Madison, GA
- ✦ Louly Hay - Presbyterian Village Athens
- ✦ Carol McGiboney - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Jon Paschal - Annandale Village
- ✦ Louise White - Prema at Ashton Hills

Military Service

- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy

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

S.O.S. Adventures!

FPC's Seasoned Older Saints' Monthly Outings

Wed., February 25

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library

Meet at church to carpool at 9am

Signup with Neeley by Feb. 22!

Museum Cost: \$12
Cost does not include lunch



On February 12 at 7:00pm Presbyterians for a Better Georgia will be hosting Advocacy Training on Zoom. **FPC will be having a watch party in the Library to train together!**

Come at 6:45pm so we can be ready when they start the Zoom at 7:00pm. Register with Neeley by February 10!

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held at 9:45am.
Children's Class (PreK-4th) | Youth Class (5th+)
Foundations Adult Class | The Wired WORD

FPC and CFUMC are bringing our congregations together for Ash Wednesday.



**COMMUNITY
ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP**

February 18th at 6:00pm

In the FPC Sanctuary and on Facebook Live



FPC KIDS Skating Night
Sunday, February 15 at 4:00pm
Entry Cost: \$15 each, includes ice skates
We ask that parents stay to chaperone their child.

SOUL FEAST



FEB. 11TH
5:15PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP for dinner by Feb. 9th to
catherine@fpccov.org
or by putting a "serve" card with
your name in the offering plate

Adults: \$8
Kids: \$5
Family max: \$30

SPAGHETTI DINNER
hosted by First Pres Community Preschool



Wear red, pink, or hearts to celebrate Valentine's Day!
We will also learn about the Warming Center!

2026 Intergenerational Church Retreat



*peace be with you
and also with you*

February 28th, 2026

9:00am-4:00pm at Camp Calvin

Programing for all ages!
(Children and youth must be accompanied by an adult)

Light Breakfast, Snacks,
and Lunch Provided

Cost per person \$25
(Family Max \$85)

Scholarships available.
Rain or Shine!

Sunday, February 8 **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Souper Bowl of Caring

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship—Officer Installation
- 12:00pm Congregational Meeting
- 12:15pm Welcoming New Members
- 12:30pm New Member Luncheon
- 5:00pm Youth Service Night
- 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Monday, February 9

RSVP for Soul Feast

Tuesday, February 10

Register for PBGA Advocacy Training

- 12:00pm Lectio Divina - Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11

- 10:00am Coffee & Conversation
- 5:00pm LOGOS for Kids
- 5:15pm Soul Feast
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 12

- 10:00am FPCP Chapel
- 2:00pm Singing Ambassadors at CFUMC
- 6:45pm PBGA Advocacy Training

Friday, February 13

- 5:30pm Valentine's Bingo at the High Rise

Sunday, February 15 **Transfiguration of the Lord**

- 9:30am Acolyte Training
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship

VOLUNTEER AT THE WARMING CENTER

FPC's week to help welcome guests to the Warming Center is February 16-22!

Sign up today to be a volunteer!
Send questions to neeley@fpccov.org!

Some ways to help the Warming Center: check in guests, wash bedding, make PB&J sack lunches, provide hot breakfast, or donate!

