

The Gospel According to Bluey

HOTEL



WHO
WANTS
NIGHT
BACON?!



February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Invitation to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

✠ **Call to Worship**

Jesus said,

"Love one another, even as I have loved you."

**Love is more powerful than fear;
it is mightier than hatred.**

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord,

to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord,

that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning,

heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service.

Amen.

✠ **Hymn of Praise 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Community Confession**

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the

light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

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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 *"Saved By Grace" with "Grace Greater than Our Sin"* arr. by Marty Hamby
Darcel Tabb, Jennifer Fogarty, Day Kennon, Meghan Usry (quartet)

Prayer for God's Wisdom & Understanding

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Pew Bible page 227

Message

The Gospel According to Bluey: Toxic Charity

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane



Responding to the Word

✦ Response 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

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

Life Is a Gift

by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

✦ Response 606

Doxology

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 Dedication & Gratitude



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Church, you are invited to partake with bread and cup upon hearing the words "The gifts of God for the people of God." We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together. One bread, one body! See our Worship Practices section for more details.

Prayer After Communion



Being the Church in the World

✦ **Sending Hymn 767**

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

✦ **Charge & Benediction**

✦ **Postlude**



Worship Practices

Communion—All are invited to come forward to take communion. The ushers will guide you to two stations on either side of the Lord's table to receive the bread and the cup. You may choose to receive prepackaged communion elements or a gluten-free option which are available at the Lord's table. If you are not physically able to come forward and would still like to receive communion, please let an usher know and

it will be brought to you. Communion elements are taken to the nursery for children to participate in the sacrament. If you would not like to receive communion, you are welcome to stay in your seat for a time of prayerful reflection.

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!

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!

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.

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!

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: *Hotel* by Ruby Wells



Serving Today

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Acolytes | Braden Woodham, MaryRantz Lane, McKenna Gibbins

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Emergency Response Team

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:

Primary Point Person—Neeley Rentz Lane
 Facility/Security Response—Kenny Compton, Stan Hall, John McCarthy
 Medical Response—Nichole Howell, Pam Stillerman

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>

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Most recent prayer requests

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

- ✦ Julia MacKenzie - recovering from eye surgery
- ✦ Kevin Gabriel, husband of Denise Gabriel - kidney surgery & testing
- ✦ Seth, nephew of FPCP teacher Jannie Smith - 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.

- ✦ Ariana Donaldson, friend of Hannah Freeman
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining
- ✦ Virginia, mother of Tammi Welch
- ✦ 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

Condolences

- ✦ Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of Jane Williams, including her husband Jon Williams, as they mourn Jane's passing on February 10, 2026. A private service will be held at a later date.

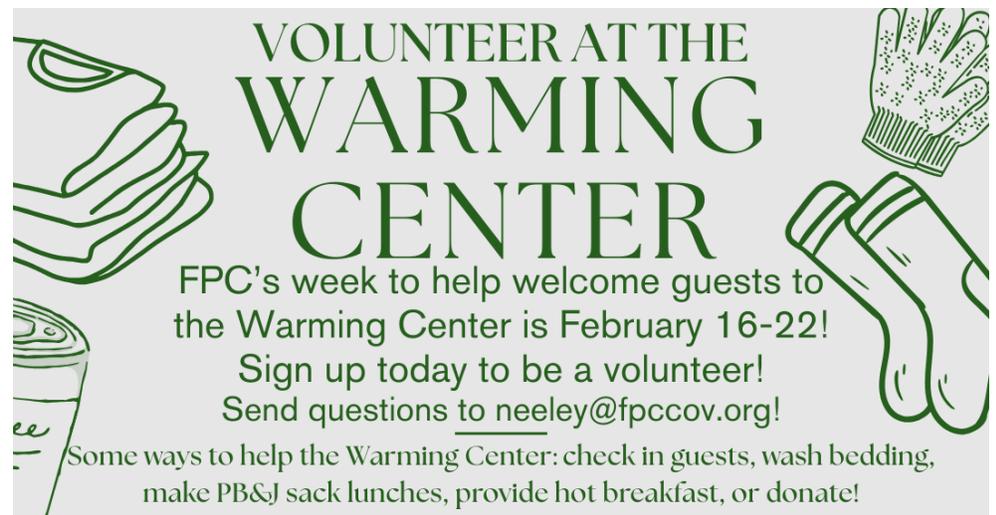
Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ 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



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!



Lenten Lectio Divina

DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Tuesdays at 12pm in the Parlor

Join Pastor Neeley this Lent as we discuss the Good News

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



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.

FPC YOUTH SHINDIG NIGHT

SUN. FEB 22 @ 5-7PM

Sign up to bring food!

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held at 9:45am.

Children's Class (PreK-4th)

Youth Class (5th+)

Foundations Adult Class

The Wired WORD

We 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

2026 Intergenerational Church Retreat

*peace be with you
and also with you*



February 28th, 2026

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

Light Breakfast, Snacks, and Lunch Provided

Cost per person \$25 (Family Max \$85)
Scholarships available.

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



Thu., February 19
at 11:30am

Signup with Neeley!

13500 Town Center Dr.



Sunday, February 15 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30am Acolyte Training
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 12:30pm Retreat Planning Team Meeting
- 4:00pm Kids' Ice Skating Outing

Monday, February 16

Warming Center Week

Tuesday, February 17

Warming Center Week

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

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

Warming Center Week

10:00am Coffee & Conversation

3:30pm Staff Meeting

6:00pm Worship—Community Ash Wednesday at FPC with Communion

Thursday, February 19

10:00am FPCP Chapel

11:30am S.O.S. Lunch Bunch

2:00pm Singing Ambassadors at Prema

Saturday, February 21

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:00am The Sacred Arts Collective in Atl

Sunday, February 22 First Sunday in Lent

Signup for S.O.S. Adventure

9:30am Jr. Acolyte Training

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship—Tell Me Something Good

11:30am Godly Play after Children's Moment

12:00pm Session Meeting

5:00pm Youth Shindig

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sat., Feb. 21st
8:00am at Town House Café