



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
COVINGTON, GA

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

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

Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Larghetto

Peter Prelleur

O Filii et Filiae

Rebecca Groom Tevelde

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Frederick K. Steffen

Invitation to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Mission Mania

Curtis Watson

✠ Opening Hymn 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGLEBERG

***When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!
And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!***

✠ Hymn of Praise 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken

like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken

like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall

sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall

on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning,

born of the one light

Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

✠ Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

✠ Hymn

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, fly away, O glory,

I'll fly away; in the morning,

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

(Refrain)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

(Refrain)

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Community Confession

God, sometimes I forget to dance.

I forget to listen to the songbirds.

I fail to notice the music of the wind in the trees.

I forget to wonder.

I forget to sing out loud in the car.

**I get so wrapped up in everything that I lose sight of the truth
that You have given me a divine song to sing.**

Remind me again what makes my heart come alive.

Remind me of the joy You've placed within me.

Forgive me for the times I keep the volume low,

for not turning up the music and singing Your praises.

Teach me to listen, to notice, to delight

and to sing again. 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

Dan Walden

✠ Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

✠ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

✠ Hymn 840

When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

VILLE DU HAVRE

Verses 1-3

✠ Hymn 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART



Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People & 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: 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

I See the Lord
Mark Fiddie, solo

by Chris Falson

✦ Response 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Prayer of Dedication & Gratitude



Being the Church in the World

✦ Sending Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

✦ Charge & Benediction

✦ Postlude

Bourrée

G.F. Handel



Worship Practices

First time visiting? We're so glad you're here!—Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor 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!

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. *Visit* 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 are available in the narthex. 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.

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

Usher Chair | Stephanie Scarborough
Tech Team | Kenny Compton, Kraig Howell
Acolytes | Rose Ralston, Lily Wells, Willie Ralston



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First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor & Head of Staff</i>	<i>Nursery Staff</i>
Alisa Castilla	<i>Interim Dir. of Children & Youth</i>	Hattie Bellinger
Mark Fiddie	<i>Dir. of Music & Worship Arts</i>	Akeelah Fletcher
Denise Gabriel	<i>Dir. of Community Preschool</i>	Jahniyah Greene
Peni Kehoe	<i>Finance Administrator</i>	Jordyn Williams
Catherine Laseter	<i>Dir. of Communications & Operations</i>	Sylvia Woods
Alice Walker	<i>Organist CAGO, AAGO</i>	
Chuck Williams	<i>Parish Associate</i>	

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.

- ✦ Maggie Gwin, family of Paisley Lane - welcoming baby McCoy!
- ✦ Rita Brown, loved one of Townes Pittman - skin cancer
- ✦ Andrew Rivas, loved one of Townes Pittman - collar bone & wrist injury
- ✦ Steven Gibbons - fractured ribs
- ✦ Brenda Howell - recovering from stroke & heart attack
- ✦ Carter, friend of Paisley Lane - broken wrist
- ✦ Glen Eason, uncle of Hannah Eason - recovering from car accident

Ongoing prayer requests

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

- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Danny Vining - prostate cancer treatment
- ✦ Ken Walker
- ✦ Lee Ellen Digby, mother of Terri Digby - rehab

- ✦ Ed Perkerson - early Parkinson's
- ✦ Brandon Vining, son of Danny & Beth Vining - prostate cancer treatment
- ✦ Greg Brickell, friend of Sam & Loucy Hay
- ✦ Olaava MacKenzie, daughter of Julie & Jeff MacKenzie - praying for safe travels
- ✦ Anne Cranford - cancer
- ✦ Douglas Hatfield, husband of Mary Hatfield
- ✦ Kelly Folden, friend of Jennifer Buckelew - father diagnosed with cancer
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining
- ✦ Virginia, mother of Tammi Welch
- ✦ Norma C. Couch, friend of Starr & Taryn Puckett - recovering from heart transplant
- ✦ Jill Chandler, sister of Brad Hawley - cancer
- ✦ Katelyn Jackson, niece of Kim McSwain - stage 3 breast cancer
- ✦ Joann Usry, grandmother of Luke Usry - surgery & pacemaker

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

Condolences

- ✦ Our thoughts and prayers with the loved ones of Joseph "Pat" Patrick as they mourn his passing on April 12, 2026.

Celebrations

- ✦ We are joyful to announce that Chuck Williams will serve as our Parish Associate, primarily providing support with pastoral care duties! Welcome Chuck!!!
- ✦ Louise White turned 100 years old on March 30, 2026! Happy birthday Louise!

Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Reid Buckelew - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Tom Crews - 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
- ✦ Benjamin Iannucci, III - Air Force

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

CHANGEMAKERS LAB  **VBS at FPC**
JUNE 15-18
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3 y/o - 5th grade
Register by May 14 to guarantee a t-shirt in your size!
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!
To register, visit fpccov.org/vbs 

Join us before & after worship
Sunday, April 26
Silent ART Auction
Help us raise money for our Youth Conference Fund!

Do you have a someone you'd like to see be an Elder or Deacon?
Fill out the officer nomination form!
The officer nomination form is a way to share who you see within the church that has the gifts to serve as an officer! Find the nomination form in the narthex or in the e-news! Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, or emailed to Nominating Committee Chair Pam Stillerman at pam@alcovyfitness.com

Monastery in Conyers
Monday, April 20
Meet at the church to carpool at 10:00am
S.O.S. Adventure

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship on

April 26th

Legacy of Love Church Family Lunch

Hosted by our Endowment Team

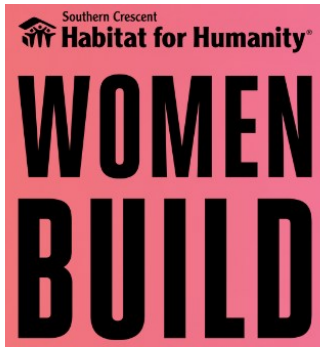
Free lunch No RSVPs needed!

Join your FPC Family as we celebrate the past, present, and future of our Church

Support our Women Build!!

First Presbyterian Church Covington is doing a Habitat for Humanity Women Build on May 14!

Join us through donations to Habitat or sign up to bring a hammer and hardhat!!



SOUL FEAST'S GOT TALENT

MAY 13 5:15PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
MORE DINNER DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Contact Darcel Tabb (darceltabb@yahoo.com) with your talent by May 10.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be May 17

All are invited to submit the names of their loved ones and the school from which they are graduating to by Sunday, May 10 for inclusion in the worship guide. You may write it on a Prayer card for the offering plate or email catherine@fpc cov.org.

Sunday, April 19 Second Sunday of Easter

Roll-er Derby Toilet Paper Drive

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship—Hymn Sing

11:30am Godly Play after the Children's Moment

12:15pm Session Meeting

Monday, April 20

10:00am S.O.S. Adventure to the Monastery

5:30pm FPCP Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

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

7:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

10:00am Coffee Club

10:00am FPCP Chapel

12:00pm Facilities Team Meeting

3:30pm Staff Meeting

5:45pm Handbell Choir

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

10:00am FPCP Chapel

Friday, April 24

5:30pm Highrise Party

Saturday, April 25

9:00am Meals on Wheels

Sunday, April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Silent Art Auction Supporting the Youth

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

12:30pm Legacy of Love Lunch

5:00pm Youth Group

MISSION MANIA

July 20-23

join FPC for local missions this Summer!

For more info visit fpc cov.org/signup