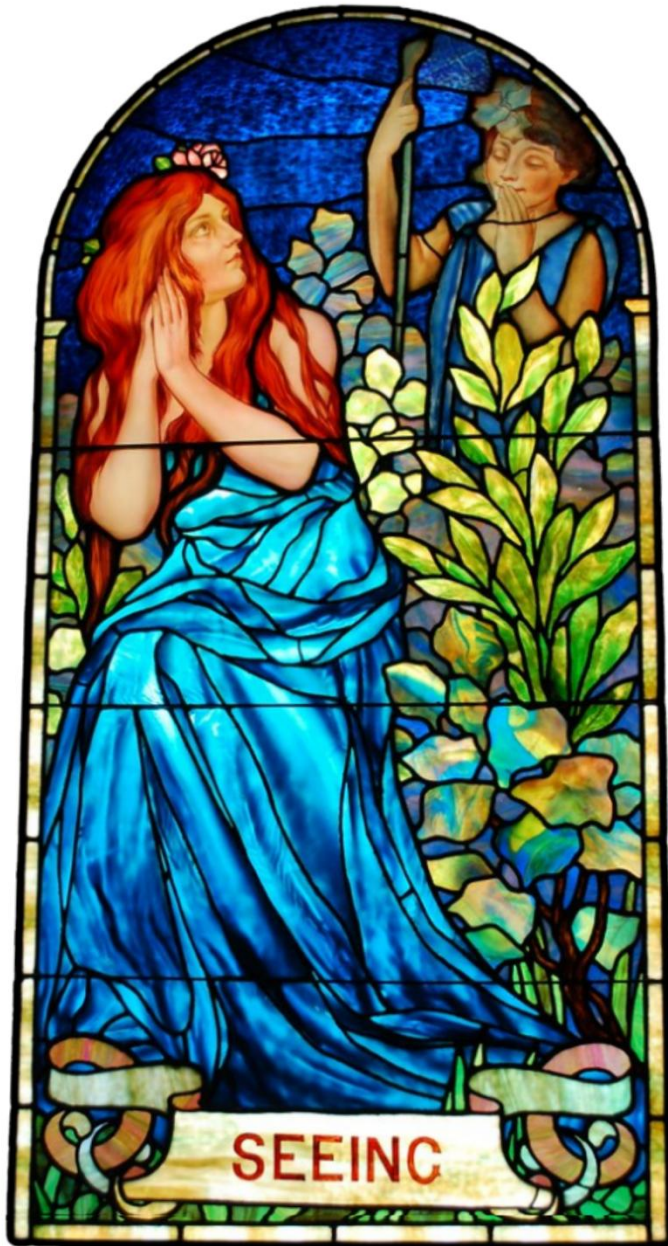


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COVINGTON, GA



June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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



Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Glorify Thy Name
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDES DOMINE
Donna Adkins
Don Hustad

Invitation to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

John A. Behnke

Welcome & Announcements

✠ **Call to Worship**

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

We gather as God's beloved children -

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community -

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other -

Let us worship God.

✠ **Hymn of Praise 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Community Confession**

Loving God,

I confess that often, my vision is clouded.

Like the man who saw people as trees,

**I may mistake the insignificant for the important,
the fleeting for the eternal.**

**Grant me the grace to see people as You see them,
with compassion and understanding,
to recognize Your presence in every encounter.**

Lord, touch my eyes again, I pray.

**Open my eyes to see the truth, to see the beauty of Your creation,
and to see the path You have laid before me.**

Forgive me where I have failed to see You.

I long to see You. 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**

*At this time, you are invited to greet your neighbor! Share the peace of the Lord
with a hello, high-five, handshake, hug, or however else you feel called!*

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you!



Proclaiming the Word

Wondering with God's Children

Anthem

I See the Lord
Mark Fiddie, solo

by Dr. Ron Kenoly

Prayer for God's Wisdom & Understanding

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:22-26

Pew Bible page 43

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Message

Sensing Faith: Seeing

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane



Responding to the Word

✠ Response 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Affirmation of Faith

The 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 & 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

Wonderful Words of Life
Alice Walker, organ

Phillip P. Bliss

✠ Response 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication & Gratitude



Being the Church in the World

✠ Sending Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Postlude

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel



Serving Today

Usher Chair | Bob Tabb

Tech Team | Jonny Atkins, Kraig Howell

Acolytes | MaryRantz Lane, Elizabeth Fraser Browning, Lorene Atkins



Worship Practices

Sensing Faith - A sermon series on deepening our faith through engaging the five senses.

Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit, and by God's grace, comes to us in a variety of ways. Sometimes faith comes to us through hearing: a song, a sermon, a conversation, a story. Sometimes faith comes to us through touch: a fresh breeze on a hot day, a handshake, a high five, a hug. Sometimes faith comes to us through taste: the bread and wine shared at the Lord's Table, a meal brought by a loved one, a dessert that recalls a celebration. Sometimes faith comes by seeing: a painting, a sculpture, a beachfront, or a mountaintop. Sometimes faith comes to us by smelling: incense, the pine scent of a Christmas tree, the baking of fresh bread for Communion. As being created in the image of God, we have been gifted with a variety of senses. In this sermon series, we will explore how faith is formed and nurtured through our five primary senses.

Worship Art - During this sensing faith sermon series our worship guide cover art will show "The Five Senses" stained-glass installation designed by Louis J. Millet, installed in the William Fox Developmental Center in Dwight, IL and photographed by Angela Orlando.

The priceless stained-glass windows were created for the Keeley Institute which pioneered scientific and humane addiction treatment. Installed in 1903 the windows represent the five human senses which are renewed during recovery: seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling.

The windows are from the Chicago studio of Louis J. Millet. In 1880, George L. Healy and Louis J. Millet began their very influential partnership, Healy & Millet. Their stained glass and decorating skills are associated with some of the most important structures built in Chicago after the Great Fire. The firm also exhibited at the 1889 Paris World's Fair where their entire exhibition of "American Glass" was purchased for installation in the national Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, France.

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.



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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	Witness (2026)
Yvonne Hill-Davenport	Witness (2028)
Stephanie Scarborough	Witness (2027)
Bob Tabb	Thriving Congregations (2028)

Engaging

Krista Firkus	Faith Formation (2027)
Hardy Fortson Sideris	Worship (2027)
Chuck Williams	Faith Formation (2028)
Angie Woodham	Worship (2028)

Belonging

Gary Boteler	Finance (2027)
Pam Stillerman	Welcome (2026)
Bethany Wells	Welcome (2028)

Connecting (Deacons)

Cathy Dobbs	Pastoral Care (2027)
Denny Dobbs	Pastoral Care (2027)
Beverly Kratz	Faith & Fellowship (2028)
Darcel Tabb	Faith & Fellowship (2027)

More

Jodi Atkins	Preschool (2026)
Kenny Compton	Facilities (2026)
Jo Anna Fish	Personnel (2027)
John McCarthy	Clerk of Session

FPC KIDS

Pizza in the Park

Monday, June 29

5:00pm

Central Park



Share your wonderings, questions & epiphanies with Neeley as we journey through these books together!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

with Pastor Neeley

SMALL BOOKS BIG GOSPEL

CHALLENGE:

In July read these four short books of the Bible

PHILEMON **JUDE**
TITUS **OBADIAH**

Don't let their size fool you... these small books carry a big message!

Let's grow together in God's Word this summer!

FPC at Salem Campmeeting!

Salem Campmeeting will be July 10-17 Alice Walker & her sister Becky Ramsey will be playing dual pianos for each morning & evening service. Our Chancel Choir will sing with the FUMC Choir at the 7:30pm service on

Thursday, July 16.

Mon., July 13 Salem Campmeeting



Join us for the 11am service with our friends in the Ambassador Choir followed by lunch in the Salem Lodge Meet at church to carpool at 10am Sign up with Neeley by July 10!

join FPC for local missions this Summer!

MISSION MANIA

July 20-23

For more info visit fpccov.org/signup

Sunday, June 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:45am Summer Sunday School
- 10:30am Summer Choir
- 11:00am Worship
- 5:00pm Youth Pool Party

Monday, June 29

- 5:00pm Kids' Pizza in the Park

Tuesday, June 30

- 12:00pm Lectio Divina—Pastor's Bible Study
- 4:30pm Welcome Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 1

- 10:00am Coffee Club
- 3:30pm Staff Meeting

Friday, July 3

Office CLOSED for Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:45am Summer Sunday School
- 10:30am Summer Choir
- 11:00am Worship

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

- 10:00am Coffee Club

Thursday, July 9

- 11:30am Lunch Bunch

Sunday, July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:45am Summer Sunday School
- 10:30am Summer Choir
- 11:00am Worship—Communion



CPR AND FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASS

Thursday, July 30th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall RSVP to Neeley! neeley@fpccov.org



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Most recent prayer requests

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

- ✦ Lynda Patrick—moved into Prema at Ashton Hills Memory Care
- ✦ Robert Burnside, family of Paisley Lane
- ✦ Joe Denny , friend of Mary Hatfield - cancer
- ✦ Quintiss Johnson, loved one of Lily Wells
- ✦ Ron Layton, brother of Randy Layton - a-fib issues
- ✦ Addison & Eryn Storelli, infant & great-niece of Denny & Cathy Dobbs - complications with birth
- ✦ Graham Wade, son of Theodosia & Billy Wade - recovering from herniated disc back surgery
- ✦ Ella Coleman, student of Abby Hutchinson - recovering from heart surgery

Ongoing prayer requests

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

- ✦ Tootles Tingle - knee problems
- ✦ Mark Wells, loved one of Lily Wells
- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Danny Vining - prostate cancer treatment
- ✦ Ricky, friend of John Leavitt - recovering from colon surgery
- ✦ Brandon Vining, son of Danny & Beth Vining - prostate cancer treatment
- ✦ Will Allfather, cousin of Kim Lindsey - cancer treatment
- ✦ Ed Perkerson - early Parkinson's
- ✦ Anne Cranford - cancer
- ✦ Ruth McDaniel, former member - recovering from a brain bleed
- ✦ Donald Vining , brother of Danny Vining

Military Service

- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy
- ✦ Benjamin Iannucci, III - Air Force

Condolences

- ✦ Our prayers are with the loved ones of Mikey Laib as they mourn his passing. A service will be held in the sanctuary on July 18 at 11:00am.
- ✦ Our prayers are with Brad Hawley and his loved ones as they mourn the passing of his sister, Jill Chandler, on June 6, 2026

Independent and Assisted Living

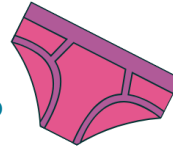
- ✦ Reid Buckelew - Benton House
- ✦ Tom Crews - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Sarah Davis - Merryvale Assisted Living
- ✦ Lee Ellen Digby - Pruitt Health
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Madison, GA
- ✦ Louly Hay - Presbyterian Village Athens
- ✦ Carol McGiboney - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Jon Paschal - Annandale Village
- ✦ Lynda Patrick - Prema at Ashton Hills
- ✦ Louise White - Prema at Ashton Hills

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

Come Welcome Riley!
 **SUNDAY, JULY 26**
 Join us after worship in the fellowship hall for punch & cookies as we welcome our new
Director of Children & Youth
Riley Taylor! 

UNDIE SUNDAY UNDERWEAR DRIVE FOR FOSTER CARE JULY 19

Bring NEW undies to worship to help children and youth in the transitions of foster care



FPC's Seasoned Older Saints' Monthly Lunch

Bradley's BBQ
 July 9 at 11:30am
 Signup with Neeley!
 1160 Church St



FPC KIDS **SUMMER**
July 13 | Trail Walk & Scoops
 Meet at Legion Field for a group walk on Cricket Frog Trail to the square for ice cream | 6:00pm
July 26 | Weesner Cabin Day
 Hamburgers, hotdogs, fishing fun!
 RSVP to Neeley | 5:00pm

Heavenly Prep:
 A Workshop for End of Life Planning

August 2nd | 9:45am
 RSVP to Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane to neeley@fpccov.org

All are invited to join us for this workshop to receive practical tools and worksheets for End of Life Planning.

First Presbyterian Church Covington, GA turns 200 years old in 2027!
 Contact Neeley to join the Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee by July 15!

Summer Sunday School at 9:45am!
Adults: Feasting on the Word curriculum in the Gathering Room!
Youth: Meet in the narthex then to Bread & Butter for coffee & conversation!
Children: Regular Sunday School through the summer!
Summer Choir at 10:30am: Help us prepare to lead the hymns in worship!