



Weekly Calendar

8-14

9:30am

Commission on Ministry

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Welcome to the New Postings!

As we seek to be good stewards of the presbytery's funds, we're trying out a new mass email service which we believe will provide an equally good experience for readers at a lower cost.

For the next two weeks, you may receive two emails, one with the newsletter, and a second one where readers can let us know if they are not receiving Postings from the new delivery service. This is to help ensure that no one is lost in the migration.

Massanetta 2026 Programs



Free Books Available

Linda Dickerson (Northside, Blacksburg) is downsizing her extensive library. If you would like to have some, please contact her at dickerson.northside@gmail.com. They are free to someone who will use them.

- New Century Bible Commentaries on Ephesians and Philippians
- New International Greek Testament Commentary on Luke
- Anchor Bible on Ephesians 1-3
- Children's Object Lessons
- A couple of Rick Warren books
- Lots of miscellaneous others.

Linda Trumbo to be Commissioned at First Presbyterian, Covington



First Presbyterian Church

The Congregation of

First Presbyterian Church

Invite you to the

Commissioning Service of

Linda G. Trumbo

as Commissioned Pastor of

First Presbyterian Church,

At 4:00 P. M.

on Sunday, August 24, 2025

185 N. Maple Ave. ~ Covington, VA 24426

Reception following in the Chapel.

Forward in Faith: First Presbyterian, Covington

As congregations participating in the Forward in Faith project progress through the program, we'll take the opportunity on occasion to share with you about their congregations and their experiences with the project.

By taking the Forward in Faith journey, FPC Covington hopes to improve their religious outreach in the community and serve God through the gifts and resources of their church family.

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, has a long and storied history of doing just that. Presbyterian services were first held in the area somewhere between 1775-1780 but a congregation was not officially organized until

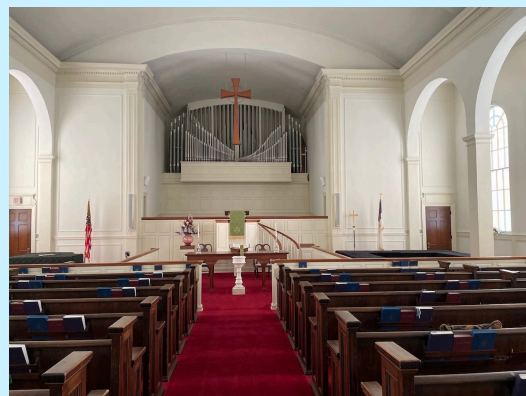
1819. Over the years, the congregation helped plant several new churches in the area.

They have also reached out locally and around the globe to share God's love with their neighbors near and far. Their ministries include community music programs, a pre-school, hunger outreach and supporting programs such as Abukloi School in South Sudan, CEDEPCA, and ministries in Ukraine.

When asked about why they wanted to participate as a member of the small team of leaders to guide FPC Covington through Forward in Faith, members expressed their love of God, church and community. One member's response encompassed the sentiments of the group.

"I am motivated by a desire to learn and discern how we can use our gifts/resources (human, building, finances) to better serve God and serve/ reflect the love of God within the congregation, community and beyond."

May it be so for all of us, in whatever context we serve, with whatever resources God has given us.





FPC Covington's Website

News You Can Use...from around the PCUSA.

Courtesy of the MidCouncil Newsletter

What Gives You Hope?

There's been a good discussion lately on the AMCL (Mid Council Leaders) Google Group about "what gives you hope?" Many thanks to Craig Howard for compiling this list of all the resources!

Books on Hope

- *The Progressive Planter* by Joe Graves
- *Irresistible Faith* by Scott Sauls
- *After Evangelicalism* by David Gushee
- *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong
- *Brothers Karamazov* by Dostoevsky
- *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity* by David Graeber and David Wengrow
- *A Psalm for the Wild Built* by Becky Chambers

- Andrew Root's book series on pastoring in a secular age. The easiest one to read is *When Church Stops Working*
- *Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future* by Dwight Zscheile, Michael Binder and Tessa Pinkstaff
- *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont
- *Embracing the Mixed Ecology: Inherited and New Forms of Christian Community Flourishing Together* by Dwight Zscheile and Blair Pogue.
- *Holy Disruption: A Manifesto for the Future of Faith Communities* by Amy Butler and Dawn Weaks
- *Worship, Justice and Joy: A Liturgical Pilgrimage* by Neal Presa
- *How to Fly a Horse: The History of Creation, Invention, and Discovery* by Kevin Ashton
- *A Beautiful Constraint* by Adam Morgan
- *Holding Change: The Way of Emergent Strategy Facilitation and Mediation* by adrienne maree brown
- *What it Takes to Heal: How Transforming Ourselves Can Change the World* by Prentis Hemphill
- *Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming Yourself* by Nedra Glover Tawwab
- *Receiving This Life: Practicing the Deepest Belonging* by Kara Root
- *Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel* by Bonnie Garmus
- *Hope Dies Last: Visionary People Across the World, Fighting to Find Us a Future* by Alan Weisman
- *Outraged: Why We Fight About Morality and Politics and How to Find Common Ground* by Kurt Gray
- *The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World* by Jamil Zaki

Poems

- Mary Oliver: "Wild Geese"
- Seamus Heaney: Chorus from "A Cure at Troy"
- Nikki Giovanni: "Allowables"
- Amanda Gorman: "The Hill We Climb"
- Derek Walcott: "Love after Love"
- Rainer Maria Rilke: "God Speaks to Us as He Makes Us"
- Maya Angelou: "Still I Rise"

Podcasts

- Faith Matters (Faith Matters Foundation)
- Pivot Podcast (NY Magazine)
- Igniting Imagination (Wesleyan Impact Partners)

What Gives You Hope?

It could be a book, a poem, a song, a piece of art, an activity, anything that gives you hope that someone else might find helpful. Share it below and we will compile our own list for an upcoming Postings.

[Click Here to Share Hope](#)

Earth Care Mini Grant Deadline

The next Earth Care Mini-Grant Deadline is September 30th.

Earth Care mini grants are available for congregations seeking to engage in earth care ministry through worship, education, outreach or their facilities.

[Apply Here](#)

Choir Robes—Free to Good Home

There are seven robes available. The brand is Regency; they are white, polyester/cotton. Three are Medium about 50 inches long, three are Small about 48 inches, and one Small about 54 inches. Each comes with a plastic zip bag for storage. Shipping costs would be at the expense of the recipient.

Interested?

Contact Sandi at
sandi825@yahoo.com.

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests by noon on Mondays to Donna Garrison at communications@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

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- Limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured, usually to not more than three weeks.
- If you have specific dates you want an item to run, include them when you submit the item. Limited to three weeks.
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