



*The Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
August 1, 2021*

*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able



*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Flute Tune*

Thomas Augustine Arne

*Toccata on "Amazing Grace"*

J. Christopher Pardini

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

David Cherwien

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

Adapted from Rev. Katie Barrett Todd

One: When I ride the bus, a car, my bike, or walk on my way to school and work

**All: I will look for the things that bring me joy.**

One: When I arrive in my classroom and office each morning,

**All: I will greet my teacher, classmates, and colleagues with joy.**

One: When my schoolwork feels hard or overwhelming,

**All: I will take deep breaths to find peace as I ask for help.**

One: When it's time to head to the playground for recess,

**All: I will delight in the joy of the Lord.**

One: When I notice a friend feeling hurt,

**All: I will be a beacon of God's joy for others.**

One: When I feel overwhelmed, or sad, or scared,

**All: I will look for ways to receive Christ's peace.**

One: When I see a new face in the school building this year,

**All: I will share God's peace.**

One: When I wake up in the morning for a new school day, a chance to start over again, another opportunity to be the best version of whom God is creating me to be,

**All: I will delight in the joy of the Lord.**

One: When I go to sleep at night, thankful for another day of learning and growing,

**All: I will thank God for leading me out with joy and covering me with peace.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you are called.

**We cannot do this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life filled with service and modesty.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace offered to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.

✦HYMN 733

*We All Are One in Mission*

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✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**God of unity and love, place within each of us  
a spirit of hope and community.  
Have mercy upon us when we speak without love  
or act without humility.  
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.  
Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness.  
Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity  
in faith and love.  
Strengthen this church, that we may be a model  
of ministry and unity  
for all the world to see.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Church, We are forgiven!  
We are free to try again.**

✦GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. 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

*Make This Church a Welcome Place*

Joel Raney

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place. To the hungry and the poor, may there be an open door. To the weary and distressed, may this be a place of rest. Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place. Reaching out to others, serving both great and small, sharing our abundance with one and all. Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a holy place, where we come to seek the truth; fill our hearts and worship you in our words and through our deeds, knowing you will meet our needs. Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON

*The Last .2*

Courtney Pittman

### *Responding to the Word*

✦HYMN 326 (stanzas 1-3)

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rex A.E. Hunt

**We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.  
We are the people flowing forth from Creator God,  
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.  
We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,  
contributing one to the other,  
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.  
We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern,  
skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.  
We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world may be a place  
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

## OFFERTORY

✠DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✠PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Christine Sine

**God, we believe you call us to love each other  
as we do ourselves.**

**God, with all our hearts,  
we will strive to love our brothers and sisters  
from every denomination and group.**

**God, we believe you ask us to use our gifts  
to serve each other in unity and understanding.**

**God, may we, in a spirit of love and care,  
use our gifts to build each other up.**

**God, we believe that in unity together  
we will come to a full knowledge of Christ.**

**God, may we grow together into the knowledge  
of the one in whom all things fit together.**

## *Being the Church in the World*

✠HYMN 741

*Guide My Feet*

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## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*My Heart Ever Faithful*

J. S. Bach

## Worship Notes

### Friendship Register

There are Friendship registers in each pew. We ask that you sign in each week that you attend. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership signing in helps us with a way to contact you. The registers are also our way to know who to call in the case of a Covid-19 exposure. Thanks!

### Nursery for Children

We have a nursery available for children newborn—1st grade. It is located on the lower level. Ask an usher to direct you. Children are also welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pew.

### Worship Bags for Children

The bags are labeled with children's name tags clipped to their bag and they are invited to use the same bag every time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers we have bags labeled "Child of God" The bags are hanging on a rack on the right side of the narthex.

### Serving Today:

**Tech Team:** Dan Walden & Brad Phillips; **Usher Chair:** Bob Tabb

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# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, August 1 Pentecost 10

10:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Acolyte Training in Sanctuary  
11:00 Worship Service & Blessing of the Backpacks

### Tuesday, August 3

5:45 Sanctuary Choir  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, August 4

10:00 Coffee and Conversation  
10:00 Neeley at home communion

### Thursday, August 5

2:30 Ambassador Choir

### Sunday, August 8, Pentecost 11

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
7:00 Jammies and Jesus

## Thank You!

Kennedy Lynn, who has been with us for several months taking care of our children in the nursery, is leaving for college! We aren't saying "goodbye" but, so long for now and best wishes in your coming endeavors!

### Children's Sunday School

10:00am

Sunday School Room Downstairs

Teachers: Rotation Model

Interested in teaching?

email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org)

### Youth Sunday School

10:00am

Bread and Butter

Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

### Adult Sunday School

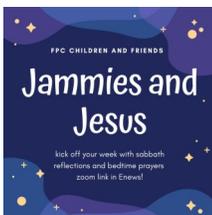
10:00am

Sunday School Room

Downstairs

Teachers: Bob Tabb and

Charles Ardis



## Jammies and Jesus! Sunday Evenings at 7:00—7:15pm on Zoom

Jammies and Jesus is BACK!! Sunday evenings on Zoom. Invite a friend!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781>

### Pastor's Bible Study beginning August 10

Tuesdays @ Noon in the Parlor!

Join us on Tuesday at noon to spend time studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture text!



## Security Update at FPC

In efforts to improve the security of our building we will be re-keying the exterior doors on August 9th. We will be implementing a new policy for checking out keys for our facility. Please contact [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org) if you need to check out a key! A reminder: We have a new Building Usage Form to be completed for all events at FPC! Thank you for your understanding. Key request forms are also available from the church office.



## FPC to Virtually Host Presbytery Meeting in August

We are honored to share our church will be virtually hosting the Greater Atlanta Presbytery meeting for August! We will be co-hosting with Church of the Master in Atlanta!

# We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

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 your offering: Text to: 73256  
 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send  
 Or use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/FPCCOVtext>

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ "Papa" Burnside-ill (grandfather of Neeley Lane)
- ✦ Anne-serious health issue (friend of John McCarthy)
- ✦ Jane Parker-recovering from cataract surgery
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Danny Vining-knee replacement
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Teresa Shaffer-ill (Hannah Dobbs' mother)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment in Scotland (aunt of Sarah Gregory)
- ✦ Steve Jones-cancer (friend of Alice Walker)
- ✦ Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ✦ Hulda McDonald-health issues (friend of Judy Davis)
- ✦ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ✦ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ✦ Beverly Beasley-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ✦ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ✦ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ✦ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Wilford Reed-health issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ✦ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's, breast cancer treatment (sister of Danny Vining)

- ✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
  - ✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- Independent and Assisted Living**
- ✦ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
  - ✦ Penny Blakeney-home
  - ✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
  - ✦ Jean Elder-currently in Florida with her daughter (address available from church Office or on REALM)
  - ✦ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
  - ✦ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
  - ✦ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
  - ✦ Louise White-Merryvale
  - ✦ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale
- Military Service**
- ✦ Koen Ardis-Navy
  - ✦ Lee Scarborough-Army
  - ✦ Billy Scarborough-Marines



### Condolences

We extend our prayers for Hannah & Lane Dobbs and family in the death of her mother, Teresa Shaffer, who died last week.

### Praises!

Thank you to all who helped with our Ice cream social and Corn-hole Tournament! Congrats to our first-place winners: Beau Worley and Curtis Watson!

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org) or by clicking the "Email Peni" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

### Interested in Joining the Church?

If you're interested in joining the FPC church family, you are welcome to reach out to Neeley. You can enjoy a coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:  
 by email: [neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Courtney Pittman	<i>Seminary Intern</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Kennedy Lynn	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO	Beverley Beasley	<i>Nursery</i>
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	Pauleen Green	<i>Nursery</i>

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

<b>Class of 2021</b> Jay Lanners Warren Liem Cindy Moon Pam Stillerman Cy Wolverton	<b>Class of 2022</b> Aubrey Evans John McCarthy Stephanie Scarborough Trista Hooten Wilson	<b>Class of 2023</b> Stan Hall Louly Hay Kapp Ed Perkerson Bob Tabb
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