



## *Baptism of the Lord*

*January 10, 2021*

### *Order of Worship*

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

*Baptized in Water  
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Diane Bish  
Emily E. S. Elliott  
Stephen Nielson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

HYMN 664

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sanctified Art

God of grace, you claim us in the waters of baptism. You name us as your own. You call us your beloved. You forgive us. Be that as it may, we fail to truly repent. We would rather confess on Sunday and be on our way. Splash us with the baptismal waters of your grace and mercy again and again. We pray we will turn and walk in your way. May it be so. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Dan and Perri Walden

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

*The Light Creation Brings*

Rev. Doug Hicks

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 618 (stanzas 1,2,5) O *Love, How Broad, How High* DIO GRACIAS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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 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.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 475 (stanza 1) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

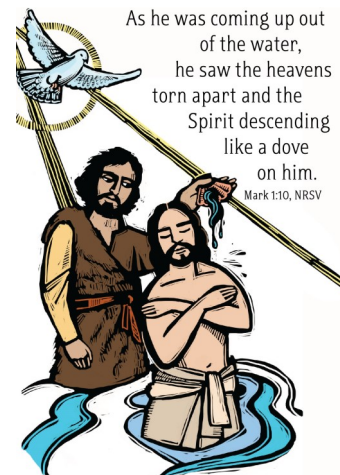
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Geistliche Kirchengesang  
Cologne, 1623

### Guest Preacher

We give thanks for Doug Hicks who is our preacher today. Doug, who is the Dean of Oxford College, his wife, Catherine Bagwell and children, Noah and Ada attend church at FPC.



## A Message from Our Treasurer

Dear FPC Family:

As we end the year, please take a look at your 2020 pledge status. You will very soon receive an email with a link to check your current giving statement for 2020. In January you will receive a final 2020 giving statement for your records.

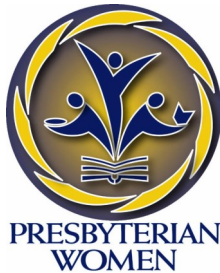
We are so thankful for your faithful giving during a time when the church faced many worship challenges.

As we look at the budget for 2021, your Finance Team would love to get in-hand any outstanding pledges for 2021. You can mail in your card, call the office, email the office ([admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org)). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Peni Kehoe  
Treasurer

***P.S. For those who made a pledge for 2021 and give on-line or by text, you now must choose 2021 Pledge as your fund. Thank You!***

## Announcements



**Jenny Thagard will lead the Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting on Zoom** on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00pm. Jenny Thagard has been the Executive Director of Living River since September of 2018. She has a strong background in education in the PC (USA) and several years experience with summer camp at Living River. She was the Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and a certified Christian Educator within the PC(USA). Jan. 12 at 5:00pm on Zoom. The link is in the Enews for 1/7/2021.

**Our Anti-Racism Bible study** for the month of January will be led by Larry Kenon and Patrick Carmichael! We invite to you join us for a time of hard and holy conversations. Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00pm-7:00pm. The zoom link is in the Enews for 1/7/2021.

Other announcements appear on page 5. The prayer list and pastoral concerns are on page 4.

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

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

**Giving by Text:** Send to: **73256** Text message should say **FPCCOV** (then press send) to give using your text messaging. If you made a pledge for 2021, choose "2021 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "Thornwell" "Love Gift", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund. You can use this link for on-line giving: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterianChurchCov/give/now>

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

- ◆ Billy Fortson-slowly recovering from Covid
- ◆ Mac Cranford-health issues
- ◆ Tootles Tingler-Covid 19
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Covid 19, Merryvale
- ◆ Blair Weaver-health issues
- ◆ Justin & McKenzie Hall and Kerry & Rob Jones (family of the Tabb's)
- ◆ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ◆ Carolyn Watson-recent fall
- ◆ Phyllis Pruner-recovering from eye surgery
- ◆ McKenna Grace Boston-whooping cough at Egleston (newborn daughter of Paige Boston, Paige grew up at FPC)
- ◆ Mitchell Wheeler-cancer (nephew of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ◆ Roger Tingler-surgery on hip incision
- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-recovering at home (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-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)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer surgery (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

#### Special Prayers

Piedmont Newton frontline workers as well as other medical staff. The hospital is very busy with helping sick patients, night and day. Please pray for their work and their safety.

#### 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)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

#### Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy
- ◆ Lee Scarborough-Army



#### Condolences

Our prayers are with the family of **Mary Bollinger**. Mary passed away on January 2, 2021. Contact information for Mary's family: Janie Bollinger Jude (daughter) 43 Brown Thrasher Road Hilton Head, SC 29926 ([bjbude@gmail.com](mailto:bjbude@gmail.com)) and Blair Bollinger (son) [bjb@me.com](mailto:bjb@me.com)

Our prayers are with the family of **Bob Lange**. Bob passed away on January 2, 2021. Contact information for Bob's family: Neal and Terrie Lange 20 Logan's Run Covington, GA 30016

Our prayers are with the friends and family of **Steve Biggers**. Steve passed away on January 2, 2021.

#### Praises!

Thank you to our FPC Choir and Readers for our Virtual 12 Days of Christmas!

Prayers for all of the Star Words our church family and friends received! If you are still in need of a Star Word please email Neeley!

#### Updated Procedure! for 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. You must click to submit or we won't receive the request.

#### Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).
- ◆ Music printed (and streamed) in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

*Thanks to those  
serving us today*

Dan Walden,  
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, &  
Ken Walker

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, January 10, Baptism of the Lord

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below  
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 (Pre-recorded, link will be provided the in Weekly Enews)

### Sunday, January 17, Epiphany 2

9:45 Adult Sunday School—link below  
 10:00 Youth Sunday School—link below  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 (Pre-recorded, link will be provided the in Weekly Enews)

### Monday, January 18—Blood Drive

10:00-2:30-in the fellowship hall-sign up information in the January "First Press" and in the weekly Enews

## Christian Education

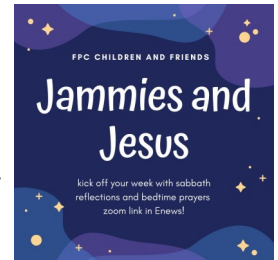
**Adults** - Adult Sunday School is a casual time of conversation and fellowship. Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so if you miss a week, come back the next! Adult Sunday School meets on Zoom at 9:45am. The Zoom link for Adult Sunday school will be the same for the next two months: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852010376> Meeting ID: 838 5201 0376

**Youth** - Youth Sunday School is led by Pam and Jim Stillerman and offers a time of connection and of studying scripture. Youth Sunday School meets on Zoom at 10:00am. [Click here](#) to join Zoom. Passcode: AlcovyFit1

**Children** - While we are pre-recording worship, Dan and Perri will offer their Sunday School lesson as part of worship. Be sure to tune into worship to hear their message.

### "Jammies and Jesus"

A new offering for our children in the new year! This is a time for our youngest disciples to gather on Sunday evenings for Sabbath reflections and prayer for the upcoming week! We invite all children of the church (and friends!) to gather on Zoom at 7:00pm on Sunday nights with Pastor Neeley! Our time together of Jammies and Jesus will be no more than ten minutes! Starting Jan. 10th. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781> Meeting ID: 821 9105 6781



### Searchers and Seekers Small Group



For all visitors, New members, and members who want to know more about FPC Covington and the PCUSA. We invite you to join in a time of fellowship and study. What do we believe? Why do we believe what we believe? What is our church polity? How do we understand salvation and grace? What does it mean to be a member of the church? Why do we do what we do and say what we say? If you have expressed any of these questions – this is place for you! Please contact Donna Weesner if you are interested in joining this ministry opportunity! Join us on Zoom: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 from 6-7

Zoom Information: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82728290092> Meeting ID: 827 2829 0092

**Piedmont-Newton needs our help:** If you would be able to donate snacks or other treats to help refresh their bodies and spirits, please let us know. More details are in the weekly Enews. We have the numbers of people serving on each shift in various departments. You can call Pastor Neeley if you are interested. Covid protocols are in place for delivery.

### Volunteers Urgently Needed for the First United Methodist Food Pantry

Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer and the link to sign up.

### 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 virtual coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:

by email: [neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org);

By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

|                   |                           |                   |                      |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Neeley Rentz Lane | Senior Pastor             | Peni Kehoe        | Church Administrator |
| Krista Firkus     | Music Director            | Danielle Schubert | Nursery              |
| Alice Walker      | CAGO, AAGO                |                   |                      |
|                   | Organist/Ambassador Choir |                   |                      |

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2021**  
 Laurel Ardis  
 Jay Lanners  
 Warren Liem  
 Pam Stillerman  
 Donna Weesner  
 Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2022**  
 Aubrey Evans  
 John McCarthy  
 Cindy Moon  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Trista Hooten Wilson

**Class of 2023**  
 Cheryl Gibson  
 Stan Hall  
 Louly Hay Kapp  
 Ed Perkerson  
 Bob Tabb