

The Twenty-fifth Sunday

after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*O God Beyond All Praising
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Steven Nielsen
Frederick C. Atchinson
Paul Leddington Wright

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

✦ HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

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Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

We are glad and rejoice forever in you, O God.

With joy we draw deeply from your well of salvation

**and pray that even as we have sung, you may fulfill our story—
the story of your love.**

**Though the world has been gripped by trouble since early days,
and life has often been short and tormented,**

you have given us a vision of a day beyond the terrors:

a day when the heavens and earth will be new again,

a day when the sound of weeping will give way to delight,

a time when all creation will live in peace

and people will long enjoy the fruits of their labors.

**Help us to hold to that vision when the temples about us are falling,
and our world is shaken.**

Strengthen us for the telling of your truth

and for keeping to your path,

that we might not weary in doing what is right,

but through endurance may gain our souls,

even as you desire for us to do.

Lord, hear our prayer....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

The Peace of the Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

I will sing O Lord, The Clouds Are Gathering
Krista Firkus

Graham Kendrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

"Desiring Control"

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN 350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Revelation 1:7-8

One: Look! He is coming with the clouds every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be.

All: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Palmer Wilson

Being the Church in the World

✦ HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Franz Joseph Haydn

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!

Serving Today:

Tech Team: Dan Walden, Brad Phillips & Jonny Atkins;

Acolyte: Jon Pascal; **Usher Chair:** Jay Lanners

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Courtyard Reception for Courtney Pittman

Courtney Pitman, one of our Seminary Interns, will be leaving us at the end of November. You are invited to join us after worship today to thank her for her time here and wish her well in the next step of her journey!

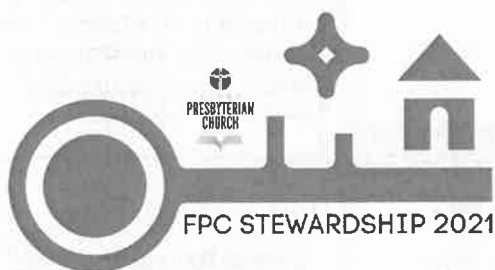
Save the Date!

A Blood Drive will be held at FPC
on Wednesday, November 24th
from 11:00am—4:00pm
In the fellowship hall.

Sign up at [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org)



YOU ARE somebody.
YOU ARE key!



Stewardship Covenant

If you've already turned your 2022
Covenant card in, Thank You!
If you forgot your card you may obtain
one from an usher, fill it out and put it in
an offering plate. We hope and pray for
the support of the congregation for our
ministries in the year 2022!

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>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Jean Wolverton-See updates at Caring Bridge. Link in the Enews or see box to the right)
- ✦ Jonathan Paschal-hip surgery (father of Jon Paschal)
- ✦ Cricket Ware, shoulder surgery and Bill Ware, chemo for leukemia (aunt and uncle of Brad Phillips)
- ✦ Cathy Martin-breast cancer surgery 9/27 (sister-in-law of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Jeff Terrell-recovering from medical procedure (friend of Steve & Louly Kapp)
- ✦ Prayers for Hurricane Ida victims, Haiti & Afghanistan
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Steve Jones-cancer (friend of Alice Walker)
- ✦ Susan Fiedler-cancer (friend of Darcel Tabb)
- ✦ 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-Westbury, Conyers
 - ✦ 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

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests will be left on the list for three (3) weeks and then removed unless they are updated by those who have placed them on the list. Thanks for your help to keep this list current and correct.
 (Begins on November 1st)

All prayer requests should be sent to: 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.

About Jean Wolverton

To access information about **Jean Wolverton**, go to www.caringbridge.org, sign up for an account, then put Jean's name in the search window. It's easy and free!

Keep the APNC in Your Prayers

Those serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Jodi Walden Atkins; Dana Hall; Judy Hooten; Steve Kapp; Randy Layton; Pam Stillerman & Bob Tabb.

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

Do you have a mobile phone or a tablet?

If so, you can download the bulletin on your device to follow the service and save paper. If you pick up a paper bulletin please remember to recycle it here or at home! The environment will thank you! (Please do put your device on silent!)

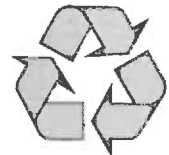
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane Alisa Castilla Courtney Pittman Krista Firkus Alice Walker Peni Kehoe	<i>Senior Pastor</i> <i>Seminary Intern</i> <i>Seminary Intern</i> <i>Music Director</i> CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Church Administrator</i>	<i>Caring for Our Children in the Nursery</i> Danielle Schubert Beverley Beasley Amiah Williams Ian Rein
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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



Activities In the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 14 Pentecost 25

10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Elder Training (parlor)
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Courtney in the Courtyard
7:00 Jammies & Jesus (on Zoom)

Tuesday, November 16

6:00 Mission Statement Discussion on Zoom
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 17

10:00 Coffee and Conversation
4:00 Finance Team Meeting
6:30 Pastoral Care Worship #2 on Zoom

November 18

Neeley at Leadership Newton

Sunday, November 21

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion
12:30 Session Meeting
6:30 Campfire Church on the playground

Church office closed on November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

Children's Sunday School

10:00am

Sunday School Room Downstairs
Teachers: Rotation Model
Interested in teaching?
email info@fpccov.org

Youth Sunday School

10:00am

Youth Room Downstairs
Teachers: Pam and Jim Stillerman

Adult Sunday School

10:00am

Foundations Class, downstairs
Session Member Training, parlor

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.

Women on the Go

Book Study: Emotional Agility
2nd Wednesday of the Month
5:45 pm-7:15 pm @ the Church
Childcare provided
December 8, chapters 5-8
Order your books (\$15.50) by contacting Pastor Neeley or the church office ASAP; the book is also available for Kindle (you order).



Thornwell Homes Emphasis Month

November is the time of year when we celebrate and contribute to the work of The Thornwell Homes for Children. Thornwell is a place that supports children and families with counseling and other help to build stronger families. When needed, Thornwell becomes a refuge for children when the families cannot live together. During November we receive offerings which we send to Thornwell to continue this important ministry. We have brochures available for more information and envelopes in which to place your offering. You may also give on-line through REALM—choose the fund "Thornwell Homes."

Campfire Church

Sunday, Nov 21 6:30pm

S'MORES
CAMFIRE SONGS
FPC PLAYGROUND



SELF CARE WORKSHOP #2

Presented By
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastoral Care Team

"Taking a Walk with Bartimaeus: Lessons in Holy Listening"

Speaker Jane Hubbard
Pastor-to-Pastor Team Coordinator,
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Nov. 17, 6:30 pm on Zoom

WE'VE GOT
EXCITING
NEWS!!

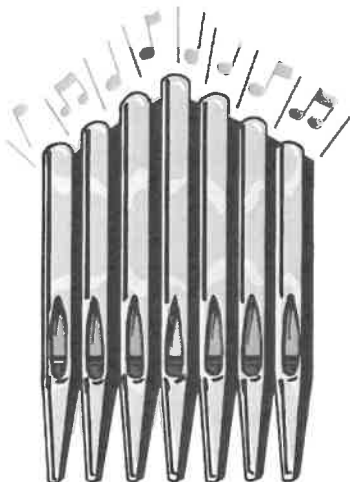
OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT for FPC COVINGTON!

FPC Covington is a Christian community existing to glorify God by welcoming all of God's children. We celebrate through serving, teaching, praying, eating, crying, and dancing with the Holy Spirit. As works in progress, we seek to respond to God's presence in our church, lives, and community.

Our Strategic Planning Team and Session want to share with you our new Mission Statement and Core Values! We hope you will plan to attend one of our church round table conversations to learn more about how you can be a part of living out our new mission statement!!

Nov. 16 at 6 pm on Zoom (link in the enews)

Organ and Piano Duo Concert



Alice Walker and her twin sister, Becky Ramsey will present a concert of piano and organ music on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 3:00pm. The concert will feature Classical music, Advent And Christmas Favorites, Patriotic Selections and Great Hymns of the Church. The presentation will be held at Covington First United Methodist Church, 1113 Conyers Street, Covington, 30014.



Alice is the Organist and Director of the Ambassador Choir at First Presbyterian Church. Becky is the Organist and Singing Saints Director at First Methodist Church. They have given concerts in the United States, especially in the southeast. The concert is free and open to the public.

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