



Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC *Let All Things Now Living*
Thankfulness and Praise
The Lost Sheep is Found

Welsh Folk Tune
David Cherwien
Oliver W. Long

PRELUDE

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (With Cantata 146, J. S. Bach)

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN 394 (stanzas 1,2, 4) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of Lords, King of Kings,
We proclaim all are loved!
We proclaim all are valued!
We proclaim all are welcomed!
Even so, we fail to give nourishment to the hungry and drink to the thirsty.
We fail to open our doors to the stranger, clothe the naked, give compassion to the sick, and empathy to the imprisoned.
Forgive us and create in us hearts and hands to be your Kin-dom here on earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Krista Firkus, solo Alice Walker, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Reign of Christ

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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 DEDICATION

Holy God, we give to you today what is already yours. We give of our labor, our pocket books, our wallets, and our time with extravagant generosity to further the contagious energy of your Kingdom here on earth. May all be nourished, clothed, loved, valued, and welcomed. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 644 (stanzas 1,3,4)

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Give Thanks, O Christian People

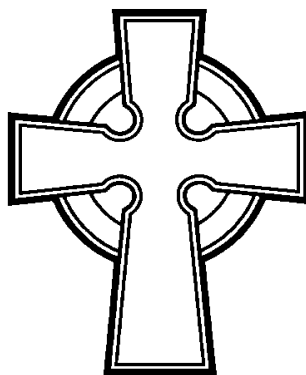
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata No. 79)

J. S. Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.



Sunday, November 29, at 7:00 PM,

Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey

will present a

Duet Recital of traditional Advent/Christmas Carols

The recital will be available at the

Covington First Presbyterian Church website: **FPCCOV.org**
(beginning November 29 and continuing through the Christmas season)

Please mark your calendar and share this
email invitation with your family and friends!

The Concert will be available on Facebook at 7:00pm and
there will be a Zoom Watch Party at 7:00pm.

Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82759452991>

Bible Study and Discussion Groups on Anti-Racism

"Entering the Conversation: Naming Our Story of Race."

The Anti-Racism Team and Christian Education Team of First Presbyterian Church presents new opportunities for us as the Body of Christ to study, consider, and name our role in systemic racism. You are invited to join us this fall in "Entering the Conversation: Naming Our Story of Race."

A Monthly Bible Study: (We will start on Zoom)

The Woman at the Well Dec. 9 6:00pm-7:00pm Facilitator: Neeley Lane
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87618791122>
Meeting ID: 876 1879 1122

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

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 2020, choose "2020 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ McKenna Grace Boston (newborn daughter) and Paige Boston - hospitalized with COVID-19 (Paige grew up at FPC)
- ◆ Mitchell Wheeler-cancer (nephew of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
- ◆ Martha Young-hospital (grandmother of Cotton Young)
- ◆ Greta Haug, David Hopper, Bob Haug-Greta & David-Covid-19; (Greta is Peni Kehoe's daughter)
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ David Hunter-stage 4 cancer, prayers for his wife Martha, and daughters, Grace and Hannah (Jonny Atkin's uncle)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-hospital in Athens
- ◆ Roger Tingler-surgery on hip incision
- ◆ Betsy MgGehee-Covid-19 (mother of an Oxford Student)
- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Trey and Cathy Davis - COVID-19 (nephew of Anne & Mac Cranford)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-cancer treatments (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ◆ 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
- 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



Condolences

We extend our prayers for the family of **Roger Wallace** who died on Friday; Roger was a long-time member and he is the brother of **Gene Wallace**.

Praises!

For Noah and Ada Hicks who were confirmed as part of worship on November 15!

In thanksgiving for all those who donated and worked at Change the World Day yesterday. Many churches participate in the effort to reach out and help those in our community with some basic needs. Thanks to our FPC crew!

**Updated Procedure!
for
Prayer Requests**

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. 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.
- ◆ 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, November 22 Christ the King

9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 10:00 Youth Sunday School (in person)
 11:00 Indoor Worship Service (RSVP)
 (live on Facebook)

Wednesday, November 25

11:00-4:00 Red Cross Blood Drive-details below

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 10:00 Youth Sunday School (in person)
 11:00 Worship Service (RSVP)
 (live on Facebook)
 7:00pm Concert on Facebook or via Zoom
 watch Party (see article above)

Commitment Cards for 2021

Please prayerfully consider how WE, while "Opening Doors", can share all that God has blessed us with during these unprecedented times. Church family, think about all the doors we can open as we give through our Time, Talents and Treasure. Pledge cards are available from an usher if you need one. Please leave your Commitment Card in one of the offering plates on the narthex table.

"Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They should not give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

Angel Trees

There are still some angels on the trees in the narthex. You may choose from the nursing home tree or the children's tree. Sign your name on the clipboard corresponding to the tree. When you've purchase the gift: wrap the gifts for the nursing home and attach the tag; for the children's tree attach the tag, but do not wrap. All gifts are due back to the church by December 17.

Christian Education

Children: Sunday School continues with Dan and Perri! Videos will be posted to Facebook on Sunday morning and will be available on our [website](#).

Youth: Join Pam, Jim and Kimmy at 10:00am for Sunday School! We will gather in the Youth Room. Please enter through the doors near the sanctuary and plan to wear a mask. Contact [Kimmy](#) if you have any questions.

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 9:45am for Sunday School! This is a casual time of reflecting on Scripture together. Each week will be a stand alone conversation, so if you miss a week, make plans to join the following week! [Click here](#) to join.

Blood Drive—Wednesday, November 25, 11:00am-4:00pm

FPC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the fellowship hall. If you can take a shift to volunteer call or email Doug Bolton: dougbolton@yahoo.com. Sign up to donate blood at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Reservations for Indoor Worship Services

11:00 in person & live stream—Reservations needed each week

You may call the church, **770-786-7321, ext 1010** and leave a message with Peni or the answering service OR email: admin@fpccov.org. Please give your name & phone number and names of all those attending. Reservations are due 2 days before any service that you wish to attend. If too many register, those who communicate 1st will have priority; others will be placed on a "wait" list and will be notified about their place in line. No one may reserve more than 6 days in advance. Please notify us if you register and then will not be able to attend.

Covid-19 Protocols in force: Enter through the sanctuary doors, 50 people only, masks, temperature check, 6 ft. distance between person or family pods, restrooms are for emergency only.

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;

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery</i>

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb

Class of 2021

Jay Lanners
 Warren Liem
 Pam Stillerman
 Donna Weesner
 Cy Wolverton

Class of 2022

Aubrey Evans
 John McCarthy
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Trista Hooten Wilson