



*The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 10, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Rebecca Moore
David Cherwien
American Spiritual

PRELUDE

Make Us True Servants

SLANE

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.
We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.
Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.
We come on your invitation, needing healing.
Be healed by God's gracious mercy.
We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.
In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.
Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

✦ HYMN 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,
Lord, have mercy.
When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
or failed to extend the invitation to others,
Christ, have mercy.
When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.

✦ 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 THE PEACE

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

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Darcel Tabb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

Roadblocks to Gratitude: Entitlement

Courtney Pittman

Responding to the Word

✦HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

Cindy Moon

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to You

**As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to God!**

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

**As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in the world.**

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.**

**And we are confident
that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

**Come, Lord Jesus!
Our world belongs to you.**

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

✦RESPONSE HYMN 694

AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

“heartlight”

O mighty and holy God, thank you for all you have done to invite us to your feast of joy and love. Thank you for the price Jesus paid to make our inclusion at this great banquet even possible. Please fill us with your Spirit as we try to live for you in ways that bring you glory and honor the sacrifice Jesus made to include us. In Jesus' holy name, we offer our thanks. Amen.

Being the Church in the World

✠HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

Worship Notes

Thank You

We appreciate **Jim Patrick** for filling in for Krista Firkus as she recovers and quarantines from Covid-19.

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:

Liturgists: Alisa Castilla & Courtney Pittman **Tech Team:** Dan Walden, Brad Phillips & Jonny Atkins;
Acolyte: Bill Cobham; **Usher Chair:** Trista Hooten Wilson

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Flyers about the **Peace and Global Witness Offering** were handed out with today's bulletin. Envelopes for your offering were also handed out or are available from the usher table. Please put "Peace Offering" in the memo space on your check. For those who give on-line through REALM, choose the fund "Peace & Global Witness" option.

Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 10

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, October 11

6:00 *Tattoos on the Heart* on Zoom

Tuesday, October 12

7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 13

10:00 Coffee and Conversation
6:30 Parables Study on Zoom

Sunday, October 17

10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Elder Training (parlor)
11:00 Worship Service
5:30 Blessing of the Animals at Chimney Park

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

Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Session Member Training, parlor

Jammies and Jesus!

No Jammies and Jesus this week or next.

No Pastor's Bible Study this week

Youth and Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161931180>

October Topic: The Parables

Facilitators: Brad Philips, Courtney Pittman, and Neeley Lane

Fall Book Study—*Tattoos on the Heart*

Monday Evenings 6:00pm on Zoom

Oct. 11—chapter 9



Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 17
at 5:30 pm
Chimney Park**

(Park at the library or health department)

**We will join in worship with
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church!
Bring Pet Food to Donate and Invite
a Friend!
We can't wait to meet your pets!**

Church Family Field Trip to Mitcham Farms!

Fall is here! Let's celebrate with pumpkins, hayrides, and so much more! You are invited to join our church family at Mitcham Farms at 3 pm on October 24! Make your reservation in advance for \$8 per person. RSVP by Oct. 20. Call the church office or email info@fpccov.org. Checks to FPC for "Mitcham." Cost at the door \$12. (2 & under—free)



Tech Team Volunteer
Sunday Mornings

WE NEED YOU!

EMAIL
INFO@FPCCOV.ORG



Community Food Pantry Needs Fruit!

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned fruit for the months of September and October. Suggested items are: Mandarin Oranges, Peach slices, Pineapple slices, Pineapple tidbits, Tropical fruit and applesauce. There will be a receptacle in the narthex for your donations. Thanks!

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

- ✦ 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)
- ✦ 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-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

Condolences

Please hold Lori Ardis and her family in your prayers upon the deaths of her maternal grandparents, Judy and Tony Krivickas.

Our prayers are extended to Beth and Danny Vining upon the death of their friend Tommy Bassett and for his wife, Patty.

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.



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.

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;

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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