



*The Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021*

*Order of Worship*

✦ Stand as able



*Gathering As God's Beloved People*

GATHERING MUSIC

*As the Deer  
O Jesus, I Have Promised  
Toccata-Prelude on HYFRYDOL*

Martin Nystrom  
Arthur Henry Mann  
Edward L. Good

PRELUDE

*Go With Us, Lord, and Guide the Way*

TALLIS' CANON

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

One: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

✦ HYMN 630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Nancy Townley

**We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name.  
AMEN.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

✦ RESPONSE HYMN 701

*Lord, Prepare Me*

SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

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

## *Proclaiming the Word*

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

*Roadblocks to Gratitude: Greed*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

## *Responding to the Word*

✦ ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*  
Krista Firkus

Stuart Townsend

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q. Church, to whom do we belong?

**A. In life and in death we belong to God.**

Brief Statement of Faith

**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.**

Q. Church, to whom do we belong?

The Heidelberg Catechism

**A. What is our only comfort in life and in death?**

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful  
Savior Jesus Christ.**

Q. Church, to whom do we belong?

The Scots Confession

**A. We confess and acknowledge one God alone,**

**to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must  
worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.**

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.**

MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

Brad Phillips

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

Sarah Gregory

## *Being the Church in the World*

✦ HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Assai Vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

## Worship Notes

### Cider in the Courtyard

Following worship today we will have a reception to welcome our newest intern, **Alisa Castilla**, with cider in the front courtyard. Please stop by to welcome Alisa to the FPC family.

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

**Acolyte:** Kately Lane; **Usher Chair:** Trista Hooten Wilson

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### 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!**  
Bring a lawn chair

# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### 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

### Monday, October 18

1:00 Endowment Team

### Tuesday, October 19

12:00 Lectio Divina Bible Study (parlor)  
 5:00 Finance Team meeting  
 6:00 Earth Care: Recycling Right! (fellowship hall)  
 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 20

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

### Friday, October 22

Neeley attends "Leadership Newton"

### Saturday, October 23

10-1:00 Change the World Day

### Sunday, October 24

10:00 Sunday School  
 10:00 Elder Training (parlor)  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 3:00 Mitcham Farms  
 7:00 Jammies/Jesus

### 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

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. We will meet Oct. 24th.

### 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

### Earth Care presents...

### Being a Good Steward: Recycling Right

Tuesday, October 19 at 6 pm!

Speaker Laurie Riley  
 Manager of Keep Newton Beautiful

Family Friendly! Bring the kids and invite your neighbors to join us for this time of practicing stewardship!

Hybrid offering:

In-person in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom!

### 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. (2 & under—free)



RSVP by Oct. 20. Call the church office or email [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org).

Checks to FPC for "Mitcham." Cost at the door \$12.

Tech Team Volunteer  
 Sunday Mornings  
**WE NEED YOU!**  
 EMAIL  
[INFO@FPCCOV.ORG](mailto: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!



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 your offering: Text to: 73256  
 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send  
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**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](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);

**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**

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

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