



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Geistliche Kirchengesang

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
All for Jesus*

John Stainer

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Marilyn Arison

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Dana Hall

(8:45)

Dana Hall (Video)

(11:00)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

✦ HYMN 157 (stanzas 1 and 2) *I Danced in the Morning*

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we gather around our homes this day with amazement and expectation of you meeting us here. Bringing our full selves, we come needing healing and forgiveness. We bring the tense moments of our lives and world. We lay them down before you. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord. Enliven us with your presence. Enable us to get up and walk in your glory. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♠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 OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM (11:00 only)

Beach Spring

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Handbell Choir and Alice Walker, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Opening Doors: "Remove the Roof"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠HYMN 708 (Stanzas 2-3) *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

♠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

(11:00 only)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(11:00 only)

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.

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

RESPONSE 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* (11:00 only)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (11:00 only)

Ever present God, use our offerings of love and faith to break down barriers. Use our offerings to make room for your people to be seen, to be heard, and to be healed by your grace. Shine your love and light in the closed off rooms of our world through the giving of our hearts and our resources. May the gifts we bring empower all to stand and walk in the glory of God.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♠HYMN 157 (stanzas 3,4,5) *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

♠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Please Note:

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, for the purpose of electing Elders. Those who have been nominated are: Cheryl Gibson, Laurel Ardis, Bob Tabb, Stan Hall, Cindy Moon, Louly Hay Kapp and Ed Perkerson.

The meeting will be held at noon on Zoom.

Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81879577746>

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." (Join us for one series or both, join us for a week or for a month, but we hope we will all find a way to enter the conversation together.)

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

The Prophet: Jeremiah Nov. 11 6:00pm-7:00pm Facilitator: Kimmy Briggs
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82654410217>
Meeting ID: 826 5441 0217

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

Book Study/Small Group Discussion (We will start on Zoom)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034212359> Meeting ID: 840 3421 2359

Waking Up White by Debbie Irving Facilitator: Neeley Lane

October 19	6:00pm- 7:00pm	Chapters 1-9
October 26	6:00pm-7:00pm	Chapters 10-18
November 2	6:00pm-7:00pm	Chapters 19-27
November 9	6:00pm-7:00pm	Chapters 28-36
November 16	6:00pm-7:00pm	Chapters 37-45

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 "T-Shirts", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Sarita Pope-breast cancer (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Martin Pope)
- ◆ Trey and Cathy Davis - COVID-19 (nephew of Anne & Mac Cranford)
- ◆ Dangar Family-family issues (friends of Barbara & Chris Martin)
- ◆ Steve Milton-Covid-19, hospitalized in MN (nephew of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Nancy Smith-cancer treatments (daughter of Sandy & Betsy Morehouse)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-ongoing health issues
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Virginia Martin-facial dog bites (granddaughter of Chris & Barbara Martin)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Chris Martin-recovering from shoulder surgery
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Bill Davis-home
- ◆ Roger Tingle-another hip surgery
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ 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 (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Independent and Assisted Living

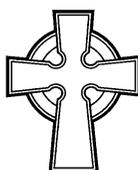
- ◆ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy Training, Pensacola, FL

Condolences

Our prayers go to **Judy Davis** and her family in the death of her husband, **Bill**, who died on October 5th. A family memorial service was held on Saturday, October 10th.



We extend our prayers for the **Walt Savage family** and friends. His daughter, **Angela** (Angie) died earlier this week in Florida. Mr. Savage is a friend to several folks from FPC.

Praises!

Thank you to a wonderful team of volunteers who spent time in the Memorial Garden sprucing it up last week!

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 and hymns printed 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

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

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 18 Pentecost 20

Stewardship Kick-off—Opening Doors

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
 9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)
 12:00 Congregational Meeting on Zoom
 12:30 Youth Sunday School (link below)

Sunday, October 25 Pentecost 21

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
 9:45 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service RSVP for In person
 (Will also be live on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

Stewardship Campaign Season

We have mailed out a letter about our fall campaign for your consideration for the 2021 budget year. If you need another "Time & Talent" sheet or the Spiritual Gift assessment forms you may get another copy on our website by using this link: <https://www.fpccov.org/stewardship-2020.html>

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 on Zoom at **12:30pm** for Sunday School! [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

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 Zoom.

Reservations for Worship Services

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.

Presbyterian Women's Circles Return!

Presbyterian Women will be starting back up on **October 20 at 10:00am on Zoom** (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81771431343>)! Click here to join the Zoom gathering. This year's study is Horizon's "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament." You can order the book for \$10 by ordering on-line at:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/into-the-light-finding-hope-through-prayers-of-lament/>

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining this study with Presbyterian Women please contact Jean Wolverton, jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net.

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;

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</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
	<i>Family Ministries</i>		<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>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

Nominees for the Session Class of 2023



Laurel Ardis is the middle child of Charles & Lori Ardis, and sister of Koen and Jasmine, she has been coming to 1st Presbyterian since she was 3 years old. She has participated and assisted in 1st Presbyterian Vacation Bible School as well as helping out her grandmother's church VBS and thoroughly enjoys both. Additionally, she likes participating in the church's handbell choir. As a Junior at Ola High School she has been an active participant of her school's marching band, student government and is a proud member of the Tri M (a music honor society). Laurel enjoys reading books, especially YA Fantasy, playing the clarinet, helping others, and learning new things. Laurel loves spending time with her cousins and her extensive book collection.

Cheryl Gibson was born and raised in Queens, New York. She grew up in the Lutheran Church where she served in the choir and as an acolyte. Cheryl relocated with her parents to Georgia and remained in the Lutheran Church. She taught children's Sunday School and served in the church nursery. Cheryl attended the University of Georgia. After graduating from the University of Georgia, she worked as an elementary school teacher for both Clarke County and Gwinnett County school systems. She married her college sweetheart, Carter, and is now a stay-at-home mother to their six-year-old daughter, Daylanie. In April of 2014, Cheryl and Carter made First Presbyterian Church of Covington their church home. She served on the Pastor Nominating Committee in 2019. In her spare time, Cheryl enjoys reading, beading, and being with her family.



Stan Hall was born in Valdosta, Ga. He worked for the U.S. Government, General Services Administration for 30 years. Duties included property management and construction projects for over 17 million square feet in U.S. Courthouses, Federal Buildings and lease facilities for Federal Agencies in Georgia, Tennessee, North Florida and Northern Kentucky. Before leaving the Federal Government he was over the Commissioning of New Federal Buildings and major capital projects for all of the Southeast Region. After retiring in 2008 he began working as a consultant for a construction company that specialize in Federal property repairs and historic rehab. Stan and his wife joined the FPC in 2015. He is a private pilot with a new airplane name Yellow Bird.

Louly Hay Kapp was born and baptized in the loving arms of First Presbyterian Church, Covington. Throughout her childhood, she was active in youth programs and frequently went to Camp Calvin and Montreat. Louly is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College which she chose primarily because of the influence of Kim Clayton, the FPC Youth Minister at that time. After college, Louly lived in Atlanta where she met her husband, Steve Kapp, of Alpharetta. Louly and Steve lived in Apalachicola, Florida before moving to Covington. She is currently the Executive Director of the Covington Family YMCA whose mission to serve the entire community is Louly's true passion. She serves on the Covington--Newton County Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Discover Covington Board. Louly enjoys offshore fishing, hiking, cooking and going on adventures with her husband and their beloved yellow Labrador retriever, Mr Utley.





Cindy Moon has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since moving to Covington in June 1988. When she and Joe visited local churches they received such a warm greeting from the congregation at FPC, they knew they had found their church home!

Cindy has just completed her second 3 year term as an Elder and will be extending her term for an additional year. She served as Chair for the Welcome Committee and Co-Chair of the Congregational Life and Care Committee. She has enjoyed planning First Presbyterian events and welcoming our new church leaders during her Session term. One of her favorite FPC traditions is the Fall Retreat at Montreat in Black Mountain NC, especially the year it snowed and Sam Hay Jr. led a huge snowball fight at midnight! Cindy is married to Joe Moon who is Dean of Campus Life at Oxford College as well as a member of the FPC choir and a former Elder. They have two daughters, Lauren and Hannah who grew up attending FPC. Lauren lives in Nashville, works at Vanderbilt University and married Dejan Stjepanovic last October. Hannah lives in Atlanta and works with International Education programs at Georgia Tech. Cindy is a local Realtor with Coldwell Banker Gerri Murphy Realty and retired August 1st as a Flight Attendant with Delta Air Lines after 44 years. She looks forward to an exciting 2021 at First Presbyterian!

Edgar J. (Ed) Perkerson grew up in and around Atlanta, actually in Atlanta as a young child, later in Chamblee and Doraville. Attended and graduated from Cross Keys High School in the DeKalb system and attended and graduated from North Georgia College when it was an "Essential Military College". Ed & Susanne were married in 1972 and they have a son, a daughter and 4 grandchildren.

He was drafted into the Army in 1966, and went to Officer Candidate School and graduated to become a second Lieutenant. From there he went to jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia. From there he was sent to the 82nd Airborne Division on alert to go to "South East Asia". Through great good luck and perhaps divine intervention, Ed was stationed in the US as part of a riot control cadre. Although he had intended to make a career of the Army, when he completed three years service (the required minimum) and had not been sent to Viet Nam, he decided that a career change was in order and got out. Ed had a career in the commercial construction industry, beginning as a laborer, then timekeeper and rose to vice president of the corporation and president of a subsidiary company. During that time, he was accepted into Georgia State College of Law. He graduated, passed the bar and hung out a shingle. After a short time, he accepted employment as a Guardian ad Litem, representing abused children and those who were alleged to be abused. After thirteen years of that, Ed accepted an appointment as a federal administrative law judge, which he held until he retired in 2017.

This is Bob's 3rd time to serve on the Session. He has served as a member of the Education and Stewardship and Finance Committees and currently is the Finance Team chair. He also serves on the Personnel Committee. Bob is an active member of the adult Sunday School class and co-teaches that class with Charles Ardis and Patrick Carmichael.



Bob Tabb and his wife, Darcel, have been an active members of First Presbyterian for over 10 years. They joined after one visit because they found the members to be warm and friendly and they continue to be blessed every day by their decision.

Bob is a senior partner at The Tabb Insurance Agency in Conyers and serves as its CFO. He is completing his 43rd year at the business. They keep telling him to retire but he is a little bit stubborn and says he is not ready to follow their advice (besides his wife tells him he MUST keep working). Bob was born at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta in 1951, attended schools in Dekalb County and graduated from Lakeside Highschool. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1973. Darcel and Bob have 6 adult children and are very proud of their 7 grandchildren.

Bob is a senior partner at The Tabb Insurance Agency in Conyers and serves as its CFO. He is completing his 43rd year at the business. They keep telling him to retire but he is a little bit stubborn and says he is not ready to follow their advice (besides his wife tells him he MUST keep working). Bob was born at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta in 1951, attended schools in Dekalb County and graduated from Lakeside Highschool. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1973. Darcel and Bob have 6 adult children and are very proud of their 7 grandchildren.