



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

*Gather Us In
Listen, God Is Calling*

Jeffrey Honoré
Anne K. Organ

PRELUDE

Toccata on HYFRYDOL

Matthew F. Walicke

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

All: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing in heart.

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear; enlighten our eyes.

One: Let us worship the Living God, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

✦ HYMN 318 (stanzas 1,3,4) *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you brought the people of Israel out of slavery. You provided in the wilderness. From the mountain top you gave your commandments. You have instructed us in how we are to live in relationship with you and with one another. Still we cannot seem to get it right. We break our promises to you, to others, and to ourselves. Meet us today. Engulf us in your covenant promise. Teach us to follow the way of truth and light. 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
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM

Sisi ni moja
Virtual Choir

Jacob Narverud

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

SERMON

Covenant Promises

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 515 (stanzas 1,2,3,5)

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as a community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe unity in Christ is a gift and this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

O God, of all peoples and nations of earth, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Use our gifts to pour out your Spirit on the whole creation, bring the nations of the world into your fellowship, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All thanks be to God!

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

⌘ HYMN 372

O For A World

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasy on "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* John Hatton

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

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 Beatitudes and Race	Oct. 14 6:00pm-7:00pm	Facilitator: Larry Kennon Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936229909 Meeting ID: 889 3622 9909
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

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE BOOK STUDY CALENDAR

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!

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

- ♣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 Tingler-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

Please Note:

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18, for the purpose of electing Elders.

The meeting will be held at noon on Zoom.

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

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: info@fpccov.org or by clicking the "Prayer" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Fill out the for-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.

Condolences

We pray for the family and friends of **Jimmy Engles** who died last week. He was a friend of Billy and Stephanie Fortson.

Praises!

For all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it possible gather. Especially thank you to our Faith and Fellowship, Worship, and Welcome teams!

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

Warren Liem, Dan Walden,
Phil Anderson, Brad Phillips, &
Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 4 Pentecost 1

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
10:00 Adult Sunday School (link below)
11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)
12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)

Sunday, October 11 Pentecost 19

8:45 Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary (RSVP)
10:00 Adult Sunday School (link below)
11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)

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 noon for Sunday School! [Click here](#) to join Zoom.

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 10:00am 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.

Other Ways to Connect During the Week

Prayers from the Pews: Neeley will offer reflections on Tuesdays at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the [website](#). You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

Reservations for Worship Services

You may call the church, **770-786-7321, ext 1010 (Peni)** and leave a message with Peni or the answering service OR email: admin@fpccov.org. Please give your name & phone number and names of 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.

New Phone Extension Numbers

Extension numbers for our full-time office staff are: **Neeley**—ext. 1013; **Kimmy**—ext. 1012; **Peni**—ext. 1010. The automated message will help direct you if you forget the extension.

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

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

MOVING FORWARD: PHASES OF RE-OPENING



Sunday, Sept. 20 at 8:45am

Outdoor Worship on the Playground

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 18 by 4pm by contacting the church office (50 people limit including staff)

11am Service is Live Stream ONLY

Sunday, Sept. 27 at 8:45am

Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 25 at 4pm by contacting the church office (50 people limit including staff)

11am Service is Live Stream ONLY

PHASE 1

DURING GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AND ACTIVE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

- CHURCH FACILITY IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC
- TECH TEAM IS IN PLACE AND SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED WITH LESS THAN 10 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON
- PEWS ARE EMPTY OF MATERIAL AND PEOPLE
- ALL GROUP MEETINGS AND CLASSES ARE VIRTUAL

PHASE 2

LITE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES (AFTER TWO WEEK DECLINE IN CASES TRACKED BY STATE & CDC)

- CHURCH FACILITY IS OPEN TO OFFICE STAFF ONLY AS NEEDED MON-FRI
 - MASKS REQUIRED
 - SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PEWS WITH TRUSTED CO-HORT
 - TEMPERATURE CHECK UPON ENTERING
 - HIGH RISK & VULNERABLE PERSONS STAY HOME
 - WORSHIPPERS MUST BE LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE, PEWS ARE EMPTY OF HYMNALS AND BIBLES
 - MARKING AIDS ON PEWS/FLOOR FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING
 - NO CONGREGATIONAL LITURGY/SINGING/CHOIR
 - CHILDREN WILL REMAIN IN PEWS WITH FAMILY DURING WORD WITH THE CHILDREN
 - NO NURSERY AT THIS TIME. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WIGGLE AND GIGGLE IN WORSHIP
 - OFFERING WILL REMAIN SIMILAR TO LIVE-STREAM OPTIONS
 - COMMUNION – INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED ELEMENTS, IN BASKET – USHER WITH GLOVES AND TONGS WILL HAND OUT
 - IN-PERSON PASTORAL CARE WILL BE LIMITED
 - CHURCH STAFF TO ALTERNATE TIME IN OFFICE / CONTINUE SAFE PRACTICES
- FOLLOWING AT LEAST 3 SUNDAYS OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP at 11AM:**
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES WITH MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
 - IN-PERSON COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE GROUPS CAN RESUME
 - YOUTH ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SUNDAY MORNING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING
 - WEDDING/FUNERALS LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE

PHASE 3

OPEN CHURCH DOORS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- CONTINUED SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN VIRUS' NUMBERS
- WORSHIP IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY
- ALL PARTICIPANTS WEAR MASKS
- PHASE II WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH ADJUSTMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATE
- RESUME ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- NURSERY RESUMES

*** THE HEALTH TEAM WILL ALIGN WITH PRESBYTERY, STATE AND CDC GUIDELINES IN ASSESSING ACTIONS WITHIN THE PHASES OF REOPENING.**