



*The Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 12, 2021*



Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able

Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

I Surrender All
Alice Walker, piano
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Alice Walker, organ
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Winfield S. Weeden

Gayden Sikes

Wayne L. Wold

PRELUDE

What Shall I Render to My God?

Robert Buckley Farlee

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

PC(USA)

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

All: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

One: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

✦ HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ReWorship: "Giving in Grace"

When we have sown sparingly;

Lord, have mercy.

When we have given reluctantly;

so often we make excuses.

Christ, have mercy.

That we may know the joy of cheerful giving;

Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

✦ 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.*

✦ PRACTICING PEACE

PCUSA Season of Peace

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Schumann (hymn 708)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9

SERMON

Bearing Fruit: Extravagant Generosity

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the 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 was buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 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 36

AR HYDY NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

written by Greg Goebel

Let us give thanks to God
for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation,
in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink,
our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love,
and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work,
and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous,
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints,
in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks
for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O God,
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Being the Church in the World

✠HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Live into Hope

Michael Bedford

Worship Notes

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:

Tech Team: Dan Walden & Brad Phillips; **Usher Chair:** Cindy Moon

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Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 12 Pentecost 16

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
7:00 Jammies & Jesus on Zoom

Tuesday, September 14

12:00 Lectio Divina
6:00 Presbyterian Women's Meeting
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

4:30 Finance Team meets via Zoom

Sunday, September 19, Pentecost 16

10:00 Seekers and Searchers (parlor)
10:00 Family Promise Mission (old youth room)
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

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

Seekers & Searchers, parlor
Family Promise Mission,
old youth room upstairs

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund

If you would like to contribute to the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, collecting right now for the people of Haiti and for Hurricane Ida, you may make your check out to First Presbyterian and put "Disaster Relief" in the memo space. **The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

Jammies and Jesus!

Sunday Evenings at 7:00—7:15pm on Zoom Jammies and Jesus is BACK!! Sunday evenings on Zoom. Invite a friend! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82191056781>

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays @ Noon on Zoom! Join to spend time studying the upcoming Sunday's scripture text!

Youth and Adult Bible Study

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

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

September Topic: The Beatitudes; 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

Sept. 13—chapters 1 & 2; Sept. 20—chapters 3 & 4; Sept. 27—chapters 5 & 6

Oct. 4—chapters 7 & 8; Oct. 11—chapter 9

Books are \$13 please order via Neeley by September 9

Presbyterian Women Circles Kick Off!

Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Join fellow Presbyterian Women for a meet and greet! We will hear Judy Davis share about the upcoming PW study. The Study Books for the PW Circles are now available for those who requested one (we have 1 or 2 extra). Please make arrangements to pick it up at the church office. They are \$11 and must be paid for at the time of pick-up. Make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put PW Book in the memo space.



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!

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 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

- ✦ Jeff Terrell-recovering from medical procedure (friend of Steve & Louly Kapp)
- ✦ Prayers for Hurricane Ida victims, Haiti & Afghanistan
- ✦ Jack Wheeler-pneumonia
- ✦ Anne Cranford-treatment for breast cancer
- ✦ Lynn Lanier-amyloidosis (friend of Chris Martin)
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ 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-Pruitt Healthcare
- ✦ 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

Celebration!

We welcome to the world, **Michael Alexander Dobbs**, born September 5, 2021. We celebrate happy and healthy parents Luke and Kayla Dobbs, and proud grandparents Denny and Cathy Dobbs.

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	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>
Courtney Pittman	<i>Seminary Intern</i>	Danielle Schubert	<i>Nursery</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>	Beverley Beasley	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO	Pauleen Green	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>			

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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