



## The Seventeenth Sunday

after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

### Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able

## Gathering As God's Beloved People

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

John Hughes

Alice Walker, piano

*Lord, Be Glorified*

Fred Bock

Alice Walker, organ

*Prelude in C Minor*

J. S. Bach

#### PRELUDE

*Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts*

ST. MAGNUS

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133 by Laura Jaquith Bartlett

One: We have gathered from our different places  
to worship here.

**All: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

One: We come from our different occupations,  
our diverse activities.

**All: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

One: We come as unique individuals,  
bound together in the love of Christ.

**All: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

#### ✦ HYMN 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

#### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, you breathed life into us, and yet we fail to recognize the holy breath of one another. You created us to live in community, however we would rather point our fingers and shake our fist at one another. God of every animal of the field and every bird of the air, breathe your holy presence among us again and again. Re-create us, O God. 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

*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

TOKYO (Hymn 311)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-9, 18-23

SERMON

*Wealth For All*

Rev. Dr. Lindsay Armstrong

## *Responding to the Word*

✦HYMN 308

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

NOEL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (turn to back page)

Confession of Belhar (PCUSA)

OFFERTORY

✦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.***

## *The Sacrament of Communion*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE 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

Church, you are invited to partake with bread and cup upon hearing the words "The Gifts of God for the People of God." We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together. One bread, One Body! (instructions for in-person communion are provided for you with your individual communion elements.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## *Being the Church in the World*

✦HYMN 306 stanza 1

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

DENNIS

*Blest be the Tie that Binds our hearts in Christian love.*

*The fellowship of kindred minds is like that above!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sinfonia* from Cantata "Wir Danken Dir, Gott"

J. S. Bach

## Worship Notes

### Guest Preacher The Reverend Dr. Lindsay P. Armstrong New Church Development Commission

Dedicated to unleashing potential in people, communities, and churches, Lindsay Armstrong is the President and CEO of the start-up studio of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta – a non-profit dedicated to starting and building new Presbyterian churches. In that capacity, she currently coaches 34 leaders and works with 28 new church communities. A graduate of Princeton and Columbia Theological Seminaries and the former senior pastor of three different Presbyterian churches, Lindsay loves seeing God on the move.

### 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 & Jonny Atkins; **Usher Chair:** Cindy Moon

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How very  
good and pleasant  
it is when  
kindred live  
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1, NRSV



VISITORS. NEW MEMBERS. AND MEMBERS

# SEEKERS AND SEARCHERS

Have questions about church membership, Presbyterian who, what, when, how, and why? This is a small group for you!

A vertical graphic with a dark background. At the top, it says "VISITORS. NEW MEMBERS. AND MEMBERS" in small white letters. Below that, the title "SEEKERS AND SEARCHERS" is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right of the title is a silhouette of a person standing on a rocky shore, looking out at the ocean at sunset. At the bottom, there is a white text box with the text: "Have questions about church membership, Presbyterian who, what, when, how, and why? This is a small group for you!"

**"Seekers and Searchers"**  
**Two-part Sunday Morning Series**

**September 19 and September 26**  
**10:00 am in the Parlor**

# Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, September 19 Pentecost 17

10:00 Sunday School  
See box below for details  
11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
7:00 Jammies & Jesus on Zoom

### Monday, September 20

12:00 Earth Care Team  
5:00-8:00 Staff Retreat  
6:00 Tattoos on the Heart on Zoom

### Tuesday, September 21

12:00 Lectio Divina  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, September 22

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

### Friday, September 24

Church Office Closed

### Saturday, September 25

8:45 Meals on Wheels

### Sunday, September 26, Pentecost 18

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with Baptism  
12:30 Session Meeting  
7:00 Jammies and 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  
Seekers & Searchers, parlor  
Family Promise Mission,  
old youth room upstairs

### 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. 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



### 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  
 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

### Condolences

Our prayers are with Sandra La-Croix and her family upon the death of her daughter, Courtney Hoover. Courtney passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

### 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

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Alisa Castilla	<i>Seminary Intern</i>
Courtney Pittman	<i>Seminary Intern</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>

*Caring for Our Children in the Nursery*  
 Danielle Schubert  
 Beverley Beasley  
 Amiah Williams  
 Ian Rein

## 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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## **Affirmation of Faith Confession of Belhar (PCUSA)**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; on which the people of God must continually build up to attain; ...that 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; and that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**