

ROADBLOCKS TO GRATITUDE

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES - FPC COVINGTON



*The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 26, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* American Spiritual
 Let All Things Now Living Michael Burkhardt
 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee John B. Dykes/Camille Saint-Saens

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* David Cherwien

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 15

One: I will sing to the Lord!

All: The Lord is my strength and my might!

One: This is my God and I will praise him.

All: The Lord is his name!

One: The Lord will reign forever and ever!

✦HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"The grass is greener on the other side."

"Those were the good ole days!"

Yes, we admit God we find ourselves on this journey longing for the yesteryears: when the kids were young, when Sundays meant church, when time was slower, when 5G internet didn't fuel the flame of hate, when pandemic pivoting and decision fatigue were not in our vocabulary. We confess we want to go back to the way things were. And yet, you meet us where we are and call us forth! God of hope, you lead us onward. Help us to trust your guidance, your provisions, as your weary disciples, as your wayward church. Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Church, We are forgiven!

We are free to try again.

✦RESPONSE HYMN 701 SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

✦PRACTICING PEACE PCUSA Season of Peace

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN *Meet Stu Bear!*

BAPTISM Emma Claire Stillerman

HYMN 188 stanza 1 *Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME
ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* A. Malotte
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7
SERMON *Roadblocks to Gratitude: Nostalgia* Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

ACOLYTE COMMISSIONING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY

RESPONSE 694 *Great God of Every Blessing* 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

Thank you God for quenching our thirst! May we delight in the streams of living water you spring forth in our lives this day! Help us to be ever mindful of your leading in our lives, in our church. We are grateful. Amen.

Being the Church in the World

✦ HYMN 658 *God Is So Good* GOD IS SO GOOD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Holy City* Stephen Adams
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

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:

Liturgist: Courtney Pittman; **Tech Team:** Dan Walden, Brad Phillips & Jonny Atkins;
Usher Chair: Trista Hooten Wilson

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Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 26 Pentecost 18

10:00 Sunday School
 See box below for details
 11:00 Worship Service with Baptism
 12:30 Session Meeting
 7:00 Jammies & Jesus on Zoom

Monday, September 27

6:00 Tattoos on the Heart on Zoom

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

10:00 Coffee and Conversation
 5:00-8:00 Strategic Planning
 6:30 Beatitudes Study on Zoom

Friday, October 1

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 3, Pentecost 19 World Communion

10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
 Peace and Global Witness Offering
 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

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

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



Tech Team Volunteer
 Sunday Mornings
WE NEED YOU!
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WORLD COMMUNION
 SUNDAY CELEBRATES
 OUR ONENESS
 IN CHRIST
 WITH ALL OUR
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS
 AROUND THE WORLD.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
 OCTOBER 3, 2021

The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected next Sunday, October 3rd.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
 October 17th 5:30 pm
 Church Playground



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!

You are invited to "Text to Give"
 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

- ✦ 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
- ✦ 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

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