



*The Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost
July 4, 2021*

Order of Worship

✦ Stand as able



Gathering As God's Beloved People

GATHERING MUSIC

*Prelude in G Minor
Lord Lift Me Up and Let Me Stand
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

J. S. Bach
Susanna Keeney
Paul Leddington Wright

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

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Family of faith, this must be the place.

**This is the place for connection and growth,
for community and hope.**

This must be the place for questions like,

"Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?" For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you,"
and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ."

This must be the place, because all belong here. All are welcome here.

**All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,
dreams and love, are welcome here.**

God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

✦ HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Gracious God, sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—
it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.**

This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.

**We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.**

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

**Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.**

**Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments
of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.**

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. 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

May the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

WONDERING WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

I Need Thee Every Hour

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 2:11-13

SERMON

Courtney Pittman

I've Been Meaning to Ask...What Do You Need?

Responding to the Word

✦ HYMN 783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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We believe in relationships.

**We believe in asking hard questions,
in showing up for one another,
and in sitting together through the pain.**

**We believe in listening with grace, learning with curiosity,
and apologizing with sincerity.**

**We believe in asking for help,
saying what we need,**

and trusting that no degree of vulnerability could strip us of God's love.

**We believe in trying our best and offering grace
when our best is not enough.**

**And we believe that God is in all relationships— modeling for us the value of community
through the relationships of the Trinity.**

So we love today, and we strive to love even more tomorrow. Let it be so. 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

✦ 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 GRATITUDE

Ever-present God,

Thank you. Thank you for the presence of others.

Thank you for the sound of sweet silence as we process our emotions and pain.

Thank you for the warmth of Your children during times of cold isolation.

Thank you for always providing, always listening, and always loving.
Thank you for Your ever-flowing grace as we stumble and fall while we navigate this beautiful, messy life.
And most of all, thank you for the village of believers that carry us and lift us up when we cannot lift up ourselves.
Thank you, God. Amen.

Being the Church in the World

✠HYMN

Lean on Me

Bill Withers

*Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow
Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on
Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show
You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on
Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

David Cherwien



SALEM CAMP MEETING

MEETS IN PERSON

Monday, July 12

is First Presbyterian Day!

Salem Camp Meeting will meet in person July 9-16, 2021. Services are held at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM daily.

FPC's Ambassador Choir will sing Monday morning, July 12, for the 11:00 AM Service. Alice Walker has invited all members of First Presbyterian Church and their families to a complimentary lunch at Salem Hotel after the Service.

Lunch reservations should be made to Alice by Friday, July 9
awalker.organist@gmail.com

Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 4 Pentecost 6

No Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, July 5

Church closed for the July 4th holiday

Tuesday, July 6

10:30 Newton Trail Clean-up
5:45 Sanctuary Choir
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 7

10:00 Coffee and Conversation

Thursday, July 8

2:30 Ambassador Choir (Narthex Porch)

Sunday, July 11, Pentecost 7

10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
(Livestream link provided in the Weekly enews)



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Neeley Lane and her family will be on vacation this week. You may contact the church office if you have pastoral needs. Nights and weekends you may call the pastoral care team through Alice Walker.

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.

Summer 2021 Faith Formation

MR. ROGERS' INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall - All ages - for a time for exploring what it means to be neighbors! Neeley and Courtney will be leading. Sundays at 10:00am. **No Sunday School July 4th.**

Choir Rehearsals

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Sanctuary Choir rehearses Tuesdays, from 5:45-6:45. Handbell Choir rehearses from 7-8 on Tuesdays as well. We would love to have you join us for either or both ensembles!

Newton Trails and FPC!

We are called to be stewards of creation! We have "Adopted-A-Spot" on Newton Trails! Trail Clean-up will be the FIRST Tuesday of every month at 10:30 am. **Next Clean up: Tuesday, July 6th**
For more information contact John McCarthy or email info@fpccov.org.

Pastoral Care Training Session

Did you know we have a team of congregation members who gather once a month to pray for you, care for you, discern ways to walk alongside you? Our Pastoral Care team came into being at the onset of the pandemic. This faithful group makes phone calls, delivers meals, and prays for our church family and community.

Join us on **July 21 at noon** for a Pastoral Care Team training. We will learn and practice best practices for how we care for one another as the Body of Christ. All are welcome to participate in this training. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Presbytery Meeting Host

Our church has been asked to be a virtual co-host for our Greater Atlanta Presbytery Meeting on August 14th! It is a true honor and privilege to be asked to serve in this way. Pray for our pastor, music and tech teams as they prepare for this endeavor.

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

- ✦ Danny Vining-knee replacement July 6
- ✦ Dan Walden-Cardiac Amyloidosis
- ✦ Tommy Bassett-terminal liver cancer (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ✦ Teresa Shaffer-ill (Kayla Dobbs' mother)
- ✦ Doug Bolton-burn injury treatment
- ✦ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment in Scotland (aunt of Sarah Gregory)
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Jane Parker-recovering from fall
- ✦ Betty Lunsford-recovering at home
- ✦ 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

Celebrations

We celebrate our time together at FPC Movie Night! Thank you to our Racial Healing team who sponsored the event.

We celebrate our new awning! It is on the southwest corner of the building on Brown Street, near the fellowship hall.

Condolences

Prayers are with Steve and Betsy Baker upon the death of their daughter-in-law, Kara. Prayers especially for their son Luke upon the loss of his wife and child.

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.

Worship Notes

- ✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ✦ Music printed (and streamed) in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

Tech Team:

Dan Walden, Brad Phillips
Usher chair: Pam Stillerman



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>	Kennedy Lynn	<i>Nursery</i>
Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO	Beverley Beasley	<i>Nursery</i>
	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	Pauleen Green	<i>Nursery</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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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;

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