



# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 17, 2022



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
COVINGTON, GA



# Gathering As God's Beloved People

## Gathering Music

*Soliloquy*

Jay Rouse

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish melody

*Jesus Loves Me*

William B. Bradbury

Arr. by Victor Labenske

## Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Arr. by Victor Labenske

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome and Announcements

### ✦ Call to Worship

We are all in the same ocean  
But we are not in the same boat  
There are tug boats and row boats  
Boats that speed and boats that barely float  
Boats big enough for everyone and boats that can barely  
hold only one  
But whatever kind of boat we're in  
We're not called to cling to its moorings or hide inside.  
God calls us out  
God calls us out of our boats  
And won't let us drown.

**Here we are.**

**To answer that call.**

**Speak to us, today, O God.**

### ✦ Hymn of Praise 8

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

### ✦ Call to Confession

## ✦Community Confession

**God have mercy on us when the storms of life cause us to panic. Forgive us when we keep trying to fix things that are beyond our control. Help us to realize when our efforts aren't working. Give us the courage to look beyond the boat we're in and lift our eyes to where you are calling us to be. Amen.**

## ✦Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News!  
When we falter and fumble  
When we get in over our head  
When we make a wrong turn  
God picks us up, lifts us out and turns us around.  
We can never sink so deep that God cannot bring us back to the surface.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that!  
Church, we are forgiven!  
**We are free to try again.**

## ✦Response to God's Grace

***Hymn 840, verse 1***

*When Peace Like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

## ✦Passing of the Peace



## Proclaiming the Word

### Wondering with God's Children

*Peter on the Water* M. Keefer, J. Cutshall  
Harry Hawkins, Kately Lane, and Mary Lindsey Whisnant  
Joyful Noise Puppet Crew

## Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

**Hymn 184**

*Calm to the Waves*

CALM SEAS

Aubrey Evans and Lindsay Hawkins, flute; Nichol Howell, soloist

*First time - Piano and flutes*

*Second time - Piano and soloist*

**Third and fourth time - Congregation joins**

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

## Message

*Get Out of the Boat*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane



## Responding to the Word

### ✠Hymn of Response 463

**Verses 1-3, 5**

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

### ✠Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

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

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Traditional  
Arr. by Jerry Ray

### **✠Response 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      OLD HUNDREDTH

## **Prayer of Gratitude**

*All are invited to join in our community Prayer of Gratitude by lifting up a one-word prayer of thanksgiving.*



# **Being the Church in the World**

### **✠Sending Hymn 353**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*      SOLID ROCK

### **✠Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Traditional Irish Melody



## **Worship Notes**

Musical offerings are an act of worship. If you wish to express thanks to God at the conclusion of a musical offering, feel free to offer a hearty "Amen," a Biblical way of saying "so be it!" and affirming spiritual gifts. Music printed in our bulletin and streamed online is covered by One License #A-728738 authorizing their use. Written liturgy today was written by Rev. Anne Russ and Rev. Kelley Fitzgerald.

### **Contact Cards**

There are Contact Cards in each pew. We ask that all visitors sign in each week and place the Contact Card in the offering plate. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership, signing in gives us a way to contact you. Members may also choose to fill out a contact card if their contact information has changed or if they would like to get more involved in the church. Please indicate if you are open to options or are called to a certain form of involvement.

## **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 each time they come to worship. For our visitors and newcomers, we have bags labeled "Child of God." The bags are available in the narthex.

## **Nursery for Children**

Nursery care is available for children newborn through first grade. Our nursery is located on the lower level. Please ask an usher to direct you. Children are also welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pew.

## **Serving Today**

**Tech Team** | Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley, Kraig Howell  
**Usher Chair** | Bob Tabb **Acolyte** | Alexander Whisnant



## **Sermon Series**

Come to the Water! This summer we are diving into the Biblical stories of water through worship. We will explore some of the most beloved stories of water found in the Bible. From God's Spirit hovering over the waters at creation to the endearing conversation that Jesus has with the woman at the well, we will wade in and take a deep dive into the water stories that have shaped us as people of God. Come sing, worship, and wonder - come to the water!



## **Worship Music**

### **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

The year after this text was written by William Whiting for a student who was about to set sail for America in 1860, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. In America, the hymn is known as the Navy Hymn because it is used at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. It is also sung on English ships.

This was the favorite hymn of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and was sung at his funeral in Hyde Park in 1945. It also was played by the Navy band in 1963 as John F. Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the Capitol building to lie in state.

William Whiting was born in Kensington and educated at Chapham and Winchester. Because of his musical ability he became master of Winchester College Choristers' School. He died at Winchester.

MELITA was composed by John Bacchus Dykes in 1861 for this text and has always been associated with it. Melita is the ancient name of the island of Malta, where Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 28:1-2). Dykes was born in Hull, England, and by the age of 10 was the assistant organist at St. John's Church, Hull, where his grandfather was the vicar. Though he was ordained in 1847, he is best known for the over 300 hymn tunes he composed. He died in Sussex at the age of 53.

## **When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)**

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

## **Calm to the Waves**

The text of this hymn was written by Mary Louise Bringle in 2002. The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

## **How Firm a Foundation**

This text first appears in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns* in 1787 and was attributed to one "K-----," the precentor in Rippon's church. Later reprints credited the text to Kn and Keen. One R. Keene wrote the tune to which the text was first set, and many have concluded that he also wrote the text.

FOUNDATION is an American folk melody originally entitled PROTECTION. The American folk tradition matched popular folk tunes with hymn texts from the Evangelical Revival movement.

## **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

This text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th century composer and editor, Edward Mote. When telling of this hymn, he stated that "one day it came into my mind as I went to labor to write a hymn on the 'Gracious Experience of a Christian.'" The hymn was first sung at the bedside of a dying parishioner and met with such instant favor that it was published in the collection *Hymns of Praise* in 1836.

Rev. Mote was born in London, where his parents owned a pub. According to him, his parents were not God-fearing people, and he attended a school that did not allow Bible reading. At 16, he became an apprentice cabinetmaker, and his employer took him to hear John Hyatt preach. Mote studied for the ministry and was pastor of Horsham Baptist Church for 26 years until his death.

SOLID ROCK was composed by William Batchelder Bradbury for this text and was published in *The Devotional Hymn and Tune Book* in 1864, the only Baptist hymnal published in the United States during the Civil War.



## **Worship Art**

Do you see it? You may have noticed the font in the center aisle of our sanctuary. The presence of the font in worship serves as a constant reminder of the new life that is ours in Christ Jesus, through our dying and rising with Christ in baptism, the

forgiveness of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, our incorporation into Christ's body and the promise of life eternal and abundant in the kingdom of God.

Placing the font in clear view, almost inconvenient and in the way, invites us to pause and reflect on our baptisms, actively remembering our baptism. Baptism is central to our faith and our belief that before anything of our own doing God says to us I love you, I claim you, you are my beloved. In baptism we celebrate God's sovereignty and the overflowing waters of God's good grace.

Through our shared experience worshiping together in a space with intentional and purposeful visual expressions, we open greater opportunities for God to be revealed in our midst. The Spirit's presence grows in our lives as these experiences guide our journey and manifest God with us. By including the eyes in this process, our imagination can expand our understanding of God's voice.

What do you see in the worship art? The cleansing waters of the baptismal font? The waves of crashing waters at creation? The living waters of earth? The still waters of the soul? The flowing waters of life? The circle of water at the well? The water wide of God's arms inviting us to enter into his healing presence? Use your imagination to discern how God is speaking to you.

### Mission Statement

Covington First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community existing to glorify God by welcoming all of God's children. We celebrate through serving, teaching, praying, eating, crying, singing, and dancing with the Holy Spirit. As works in progress, we seek to respond to God's presence in our church, lives, and community.

### Want to Get Involved?

Reach out to become a more involved member of the church! We always have something happening that we would love for you to be a part of. You could be an integrated member of our church by volunteering with witness team, becoming an usher, joining a book club, singing in the choir or many other activities. Reach out to the office and we'll point you in the right direction!  
 Email: [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org) or call: 770-786-7321

### Deacons

Day Kennon (2022)  
 Eleanor Scarborough (2023)  
 Darcel Tabb (2024)  
 Alice Walker (2022)

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	
Erin Morgan	<i>Associate Pastor</i>	<i>Caring for Our Children in the Nursery</i>
Alicia Taylor	<i>Dir. of Music &amp; Worship Arts</i>	
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organizer/ Ambassador Choir</i>	Danielle Schubert
Catherine Laseter	<i>Dir. of Communications &amp; Operations</i>	Beverley Beasley
Peni Kehoe	<i>Finance Administrator</i>	Kennedy Lynn

### Session

**Class of 2022**  
 Aubrey Evans  
 John McCarthy  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Trista Hooten Wilson

**Class of 2023**  
 Stan Hall  
 Louly Hay Kapp  
 Ed Perkerson  
 Bob Tabb

**Class of 2024**  
 Billy Fortson  
 Pat Harper  
 Curtis Watson



## 2022-2023 Registration is OPEN

*Play Café: A Modern Twist on Mother's Morning Out* is a new ministry at FPC that gives parents both a loving, safe place to take their child a couple of days a week, and a place to connect with other parents about the joys and stressors of parenthood.



**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm  
for ages 3 months - 18 months**

Visit [fpccov.org/play-cafe](http://fpccov.org/play-cafe) for more information!



### The 194th Salem Camp Meeting at Salem Camp Ground

Daily worship now through July 22nd at 11:00am & 7:30pm

With duo-pianos from Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey

On Monday, July 18th, Neeley Rentz Lane will be providing prayer for both services! That day the Singing Ambassadors will be singing at the 11:00am service, and our Chancel Choir will be singing at the 7:30pm service. On Thursday, July 21st, the 11:00am service will include a musical offering by Dan and Perri Walden, as well as a quartet of ladies who will sing "Witness" by Jack Halloran.

#### Sunday, July 17 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00am Worship

#### Monday, July 18

11:00am Salem Camp Meeting with Neeley and Singing Ambassadors

7:30pm Salem Camp Meeting with Neeley and Chancel Choir

#### Wednesday, July 20

3:00pm Creative Praise Puppet Ministry

6:00pm Movie Night: *Up!*

#### Thursday, July 21

11:00am Salem Camp Meeting with Dan and Perri Walden, and women's quartet

4:30pm Finance Team Meeting

#### Friday, July 22

7:30pm Salem Camp Meeting final night

#### Sunday, July 24 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

9:45am Gospel According to Pixar

11:00am Worship

## Creative Praise



PUPPET MINISTRY



Learn all about puppets and how to make them come alive - working the arms and mouthing words, help create backdrops, learn how to change scenery as a techie, narrate the storyline, and so much more!

Reserve your spot by emailing Alicia Taylor at [alicia@fpccov.org](mailto:alicia@fpccov.org) today!

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Illness

- ✦ Ken Walker - foot infection
- ✦ Lonnie Lamb - chemotherapy
- ✦ Jack Wheeler
- ✦ Caroline Harper, daughter of Pat Harper - recovering from surgery
- ✦ Emalee Green, granddaughter of Roger and Tootles Tingler - tubing accident
- ✦ Tony Taylor, brother of Alicia Taylor - heart attack
- ✦ Kim Bailey, family of Bernice and Betty Bailey
- ✦ Beverly Beasley, friend of Jean Elder - caring for husband who has leukemia
- ✦ Joe Burckel, nephew of Danny and Beth Vining - brain cancer
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer
- ✦ Anne Cranford - breast cancer

- ✦ Mike Crews, son-in-law of Jack Wheeler - bladder cancer
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Cathy Martin, sister-in-law of Chris Martin - breast cancer
- ✦ Melissa, friend of the congregation - cancer
- ✦ Tootles Tingler
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - lung cancer
- ✦ Blair Weaver - health issues
- ✦ Joyce Williams, sister of Danny Vining - Alzheimer's

### Condolences

- ✦ Our prayers are with the loved ones of Bill Cobham as they grieve his passing on the morning of July 7, 2022. A service was held on July 13, 2022.

### Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - home
- ✦ Julia Brubaker - Benton House
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Merryvale
- ✦ Travis Moss - Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Louise White - Merryvale

### Military Service

- ✦ Billy Scarborough - Marines
- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy

### Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org)  
 Requests may be removed after three weeks if not updated. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for only the confidential prayer circle.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** to be held at the conclusion of the worship service on **Sunday, August 7th**, for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee regarding candidates being called to serve as **Elders and Deacons** here at FPC Covington. All members are asked to stay, hear their report, and vote on the proposed candidates.

**The deadline to order tartans is next week.  
 Talk to Alicia Taylor after worship today!**

# Kirkin' o' the Tartan

## Sunday, September 25

Honor the Presbyterian Church's roots in the Church of Scotland in a special service that will include bagpipes, field drum, and a blessing of your family tartan

Order from Alicia Taylor by July 24th to receive your family tartan in time.  
 email: [alicia@fpccov.org](mailto:alicia@fpccov.org)  
 call: 770-656-6848

You are invited to **"Text to Give"** your offering. Text FPCCOV followed by your donation amount to: 73256

*Or point your camera at the QR code and follow the link to give online.*



## The Gospel According to PIXAR

Up!

Movie Night  
 July 20  
 at 6:00pm  
 in the Fellowship Hall

Join in the movie fun and dress up as your favorite Pixar character!

Then join us for all ages  
 Sunday School  
**July 24-31**

*Up!*  
 Guilt, Absolution, and  
 a Whole Lot of Balloons