

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
COVINGTON, GA

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
November 6, 2022



## Gathering As God's Beloved People

### Gathering Music

*Like a River Glorious* (WYE VALLEY)  
*Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Sould*  
*The Church's One Foundation*

James Mountain  
Johannes Brahms  
AURELIA

### Prelude

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" with "Holy Is the Lord"*

Anna Laura Page

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

#### ✦ Call to Worship

Written by Sidney D. Fowler

In Luke's gospel, Jesus called together the disciples  
and a great multitude to a level place.

There he touched, healed, and taught.

There he spoke, "Blessed are..."

There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.

**O God, call us together as you did those so long ago  
to discover your blessed people.**

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

**Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody  
the blessed saints of God.**

**Christ, come among us. Alleluia!**

#### ✦ Hymn of Praise 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

#### ✦ Call to Confession

#### ✦ Community Confession

Eternal God,

**in every age you have raised up men and women  
to live and die in faith.**

**We confess that we are indifferent to your will.**

**You call us to proclaim your name,  
but we are silent.**

**You call us to do what is just,  
but we remain idle.**

**You call us to live faithfully,  
but we are afraid.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Give us courage to follow in your way,**

that joined with those from ages past,  
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,  
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

### ✦ Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Church, we are forgiven!  
**We are free to try again.**

### Response to God's Grace 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

### ✦ Passing of the Peace



## Proclaiming the Word

### Wondering with God's Children

### Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

NRSV pew edition page 191

### Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

NRSV pew edition page 64

### Message

*Give Thanks*

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane



## Responding to the Word

### ✦ Hymn of Response 610

*O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

### Recognition of Saints

*All Saints' Day Litany*

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,  
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests,  
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,  
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,  
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents  
whose lives ended too soon:

**Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God,



the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,  
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

As we read these names, we will pause after every name  
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

Linda Chadwick

Bill Cobham

Jerry McGaffney

Guy McGiboney

Betty Robinson

Phyllis Yoder

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,  
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.**

**We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,  
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,

for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,  
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,

You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Recognition 326

*For All The Saints*

SINE NOMINE

## 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

*Bound for Glory*

Traditional Spirituals

Arranged, with additional words and music,  
by Alex Gartner

### ✠Response 710

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### ✠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 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

## ✦ Charge and Benediction

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## Postlude

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

David Cherwien



# 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 and streamed online is covered by One License #A-728738 authorizing its use.

### 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.

### Children During Worship

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 invited to wiggle and giggle in the pews during worship! Included in worship is a time of "Wondering with God's Children" where children are invited to come forward for a message. Afterward, they are invited to remain in worship or go downstairs with the nursery workers for the remainder of the service. Worship Bags are available for children on the rack outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex.

### Serving Today

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley  
Usher Chair | John McCarthy Acolyte | Palmer Wilson



# Sermon Notes

*"All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs"(Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation."*

*Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)*



## Worship Music Notes

### **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

This text was written by Bishop Reginald Heber for Trinity Sunday and published in *Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Church Service of the Year* (1827). Heber was born in Malpas, England, and educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he won prizes for his poetry. He was ordained in 1807 and became vicar of the family estate at Hodnet, Shropshire. In 1823, Heber was appointed bishop of Calcutta and ordained the first native Christian there. Heber died suddenly at the end of a day in which he had baptized 42 people. He wrote all his hymns before he went to India.

NICAIA was composed by John Bacchus Dykes for this text and published in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). Dykes named the tune NICAIA because the text expounded the doctrine of the Trinity as found in the Nicene Creed. Dykes was born in Hull, England, and by the age of ten was the assistant organist at St. John's Church, Hull, where his grandfather was vicar. He studied at Wakefield and St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he co-founded the Cambridge University Musical Society. He was ordained in 1847 as curate of Malton. For a short time he was canon of Durham Cathedral, then precentor. In 1862, he became vicar of St. Oswald's, Durham. He published sermons and articles on religion, but is best known for the over 300 hymn tunes he composed.

### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

The text was written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his spiritual conversion (1740). He was inspired to write the poem after a conversation with Moravian Peter Böhler during which Wesley asked him about praising Christ. Böhler replied, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all. The original hymn contained 18 verses and was titled "For the anniversary day of one's conversion." The first verse began, "Glory to God, and praise, and love. The hymn has long been the first selection in Methodist collections.

Charles Wesley was the 18th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. In 1735, he came to colonial Georgia as secretary to General Oglethorpe, having previously received both deacon's and priest's orders. But it was a personal conversion experience on Whitsunday 1738 under the influence of the Moravians that gave him "rest in his soul" and released in him the gift of hymn writing. He is known to have written more than 6,000 hymns and by some counts as many as 6,500. Although he dedicated his life to the Methodist movement, he never relinquished his ordination in the Church of England.

AZMON was composed by Carl Gotthelf Glaser and arranged by Lowell Mason.

### **For All the Saints**

The text was written by William Walsham How for All Saints' Day, 1864. It is a commentary on the phrase, "I believe in the communion of saints" from The Apostles' Creed. The text was first published in Earl Nelson's *Hymns for the Saints' Days* (1864), where it was titled "Saints Day Hymn - Cloud of Witnesses - Hebrew 12:1." The original hymn contained 11 verses, but most collections have edited them to six or fewer.

SINE NOMINE ("without a name") was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams as the setting for this text in *The English Hymnal* (1906). Erik Routley reported that the tune was at first rejected as being "jazz music," while Percy Dearmer stated that this tune is "one of the finest hymn tunes of the present century." Today most authorities agree with Dearmer.

### **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

This text was written by Lesbia Scott and was "meant for use on Saints' days, to impress the fact that sainthood is a living possibility today." It was not intended for publication but instead was written for Scott's

own children. It was later published in *Everyday Hymns for Children* (1929). Leslie Scott was born in 1898 in London and educated at Panen's Croft School in Sussex. In addition to her hymns, Scott wrote religious dramas. GRAND ISLE was composed by John Henry Hopkins, the nephew of John Henry Hopkins, Jr.



## Worship Art Notes

This week's worship guide cover is a painting by Jan L. Richardson titled "A Gathering of Spirits" which accompanied a writing titled "For Those Who Walked With Us." An excerpt from that piece is shared below.

*"I'm loving entering into this week that holds some festive days. I've written previously that the trinity of days of Halloween, the Feast of All Saints, and the Feast of All Souls has long been a favorite time for me—a thin place in the turning of the year. These days are haunted for me in a good way; they offer an occasion to remember, to reflect, and to offer thanks for those who have shaped my path by the path that they walked. These days remind us that in the body of Christ, death does not release us from being in community with one another.*

*As you move through this week, who lingers close in your memory? Who walked with you in a way that inspired and made possible the path that you travel? Remembering that in these days, the veil thins not only toward the past but also toward the future, how are you walking through this life in a way that will help make possible the paths of those who follow?"*

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### 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 our witness team, becoming an usher, joining a book club, singing in the choir or any number of activities.

Reach out to the office and we'll point you in the right direction!

Email: catherine@fpccov.org or call: 770-786-7321

### Deacons

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

### 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

### Mission Statement

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### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane  
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*Associate Pastor*  
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*Dir. of Communications & Operations*  
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*in the Nursery*  
Danielle Schubert  
Beverley Beasley  
Samantha Boozer  
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Amanda Sotolongo

# All Saints

*Today we remember the saints we've lost this past year.  
The saints listed below are loved ones submitted by you.*

## Remembering

Many Randall Anderson

Tom Bass

Betty Bellairs

Ben Brooks

Joe Burckel

Johnny Burns

Frank Colladay

Jensesn Dick

Steve Jones

Carlton Kitchens

Matt Lord

Brandon Massey

Olivia McCormick

Jay Milton

Barbara Phillips

Martha Plumlee

Carl Rogers

Sue Sneed

Thomas Harris Jr.

## Loved One of

Joel and Faye Kitchens

Danny and Beth Vining

Carol McGiboney

Doug and Sherri Bolton

Danny and Beth Vining

Cathy Dobbs

Neeley Lane

Curtis and Carolyn Watson

Alice Walker

Joel and Faye Kitchens

Jeff Morgan

Chuck and Sherry Brasher

Curtis and Carolyn Watson

Jeff and Julie MacKenzie

Alice Walker

Pat Harper

Pat Harper

Jack and Miriam Wheeler

Wayne and Eleanor Scarborough

## FPC Family

Linda Chadwick

Bill Cobham

Jerry McGaffney

Guy McGiboney

Betty Robinson

Phyllis Yoder





## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Illness

- ✦ Joe Burns, brother of Cathy Dobbs
- ✦ Stephanie Fortson - broken hip
- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - vision loss
- ✦ Mike Crews, son-in-law of Jack Wheeler - awaiting results of bladder cancer treatment
- ✦ Beverly Beasley, friend of Jean Elder - caring for husband who has leukemia
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Bruce Hamilton, brother-in-law of Theodosia Wade - cancer
- ✦ Lonnie Lamb - chemotherapy

- ✦ Gary Lott, brother of Tricia Hinton - recovering at home following two brain surgeries
- ✦ Linea Lott, niece of Tricia Hinton - leukemia treatment
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Richard, friend of Miriam and Jack Wheeler - cell mutation
- ✦ Tony Taylor, brother of Alicia Taylor - gradually gaining strength with physical therapy
- ✦ Blair Weaver - health issues
- ✦ Joyce Williams, sister of Danny Vining - Alzheimer's

### Condolences

- ✦ Our prayers are with the family and friends of Lynn Hudgins who passed on October 19, 2022.

### Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - Oaks Assisted Living
- ✦ 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 listed or for only the confidential prayer circle.



PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE  
ATHENS

### Field Trip to

### Presbyterian Village of Athens

Thursday, November 10th

Meet at the church at 10:00am!

We will be provided a tour by PVA Chaplin Christin Norman and former FPC intern Courtney Pittman!

Lunch will be at PVA with our church family members who are residents at PVA!

Spots limited. Sign up by emailing Catherine at [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org) or by calling the office at (770)786-7321

You are invited to  
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Text FPCCOV followed  
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amount to: 73256  
Or point your camera at the  
QR code and follow the link  
to give online.



### Sunday School

Sunday School classes are at 9:45am on Sunday mornings.

Children's class (PreK-4th)  
Tween Class (5th and up)  
Adult class

Interested in teaching?  
Email [erin@fpccov.org](mailto:erin@fpccov.org)

*Campfire Church*

s'mores  
hot chocolate  
campfire songs  
devotion

*Sunday, November 13th  
5:00pm on the Playground*

engage in our community by bringing  
canned goods to support our  
**Newton County Community  
Food Pantry**

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# SOUL FEAST

November 9th  
Chili Cook-Off



Fellowship Hall | 5:30pm  
Adults: \$5 Children \$3  
Feed your body and soul with FPC  
and decide for yourself who makes the best chili  
RSVP by Monday November 7th  
to [catherine@fpccov.org](mailto:catherine@fpccov.org) or 770-786-7321

## The Doctrine of the Trinity

6:00pm in the adult Sunday School Room

Final Topic - November 9th

What in the world is the Holy Spirit?

Contact Erin at [erin@fpccov.org](mailto:erin@fpccov.org) with any questions



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

November 23rd | 10:00am-3:00pm

FPC Fellowship Hall

Get ready to roll up your sleeve, lay back and take it easy for about 30 minutes and then get cookies for your effort. Yes indeed, First Presbyterian is hosting a American Red Cross Blood Drive and everyone is welcome. Please put November 23rd on your calendar and come visit with some of your church friends working the event.

Donors can sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

using the sponsor code [firstprescov](http://firstprescov)

Walk-ins are welcome!

### Sunday, November 6

#### Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

- 11:00am Worship - All Saints' Sunday
- 7:00pm Final Jammies and Jesus on Zoom

### Monday, November 7

- RSVP Deadline for Soul Feast
- 5:30pm Faith Formation Team Meeting

### Tuesday, November 8

- 12:00pm Lectio Divina
- 2:15pm Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, November 9

- RSVP Deadline for PVA Trip
- 4:30pm Joyful Noise
- 5:00pm Hallelujah Kids!
- 5:30pm Soul Feast Chili Cook-Off
- 6:00pm Carillon Handbell Choir
- 6:00pm The Doctrine of the Trinity
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, November 10

- 10:00am Field Trip to PVA
- 7:00pm Blossoms & Beans Garden Club

### Saturday, November 11

Presbytery Meeting

### Sunday, November 13

#### Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 5:00pm Campfire Church

## Blossoms & Beans



FPC Garden Club  
Meets on November 10th  
in the Fellowship Hall  
at 7:00pm  
Contact Jeff MacKenzie  
with questions