

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 394  
***There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 130:7  
Hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is steadfast love, and with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON  
*Hymn 356, stanza 1*  
***Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!***

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of God, that surpasses all our understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *When Jesus Wept* BOCK  
Sanctuary Choir  
*When Jesus wept, a falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around. Jesus wept.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN  
*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:14

SERMON The Rev. Lyn Pace  
*Living in the Midst of Dry Bones*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN FOREST GREEN  
*O Spirit of the Living God*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Jesus Said, "I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

**"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who comes into the world."**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 16 in front of hymnal

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Diane Bish  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 332 TRURO  
*Live into Hope*

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE AUS DER TIEFE AUFE ICH  
*Forty Days and Forty Nights*  
Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Charles Callahan

Our guest preacher today is the **Rev. Lyn Pace**, Chaplain at Oxford College. Lyn Pace joined Oxford College as chaplain in July 2009. Prior to coming to Oxford, Rev. Pace was the associate chaplain, director of service learning, and director of the Bonner Scholars Program at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. From 2002-2003, he served as a minister in the British Methodist Church on the Isle of Wight in England. He and wife Ami Hernandez reside in the city of Oxford.

## WORSHIP NOTES

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth & Children's Ministry is assisting with worship today.
- \* Please stand if you are able.
- \* Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

† Dennis Sauls—very ill, Patti Lanford's brother-in-law  
† Joyce Ashworth—Newton Medical  
† Doug Bolton—home  
† Ed Crudup—home  
† Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor  
† Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister - chemotherapy  
† Charles Ardis, Sr.-cancer, father of Charles Ardis  
† Richard Londry—cancer, cousin of Susan Crowell  
† Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida  
† Bill Fitzgerald—stage 4 cancer (his daughter, Morgan, is the niece of Donna Weesner)  
† Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

### Covington Square

† Rita Harrell  
† Joy Knight

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor  
† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers  
† Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens  
† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center  
† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
† Helen and George Stamps—Benton House

### Military:

† Savannah Cannon  
† Mike Laib  
† John Rossi  
† Renee Boston  
† Charles Bailey  
† Martha Fernicola's nephew, Japan

**Hospital Visitor this week is:**  
*Ann Bouchillon*



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!** The Spring Organ Concert on Sunday, March 27, 2011, was a big success. I appreciate more than I can express the exceptional work done by many people prior to and on the day of the concert. I wish to thank everyone who offered support, including Ellis and Carol Dunbar, Buncie Lanners, Billy Wade, Cy and Jean Wolverton, Bill and Jean Blair, Gene and Elizabeth Gadhile, Don and Mary Bollinger, Spencer and Linda Boyd, Ken Walker, Rick Gunter, Peni Haug, Dan Walden, Alan Bunn, Clarence Price, Sarah Davis, and the circles of Presbyterian Women. These persons provided invaluable assistance with publicity, moving musical instruments, providing and serving delectable food for the reception, recording the concert, keeping the temperature adjusted, preparing the printed program, and bringing the beautiful flowers which adorned the Narthex and the Sanctuary. The concert was a group effort undergirded by the willing participation of many individuals.

Alice Walker, Organist

## Activities in the Life of the Church

An Exercise Class is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. All adults are invited to participate.

### RABBITS, BUNNIES, HARES AND BRER

And what do they have in common?

A fantastic story teller, that's what!

Come to a "special" Mid-Week Feast on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to hear our own Carol Dunbar sharing stories with "the child in us all". Carol says she misses the days when she told stories and read to the children as a librarian in the Rockdale County School system. She has graciously agreed to share her talents with us by gathering our younger ones just after dinner for a story time. And lucky for us, we get to be there too! Rabbits, bunnies and maybe a brer....be there! Please be sure to make reservations for dinner by filling out the Mid-Week Feast form on Sunday, April 10, or calling the church office. Dinner will be baked ham, sweet potato soufflé, green beans, macaroni & cheese, garden salad and rolls.

The DVD Study Group continues a study of the world's great religions, with lectures on Judaism by Professor Isaiah M. Gafni of Hebrew University. The group meets in the Youth Lounge at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings after the Mid-Week Feast. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. This week's lecture title is "Jewish Worship-Prayer and the Synagogue."

We need volunteers for transportation for homebound members of our church. If you would be able to be on a rotating schedule please call Bernice Bailey at 770-786-3048 or email her at: blhbailey@springmail.com.

Circle 6 will meet Tuesday, 4/12 at 7p.m. in the FPC Martin Fellowship Hall. Please let Judy Hooten (770-786-6640) know if you are unable to attend. (Please note change of date.)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting the annual Community Holy Week Worship Services and lunches Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22 at noon. A lunch will follow in the parish hall at 12:30 p.m.

### THIS WEEK AT FPC

#### Sunday, April 10, Lent 5

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session Meeting  
5:00 Youth Connection

#### Tuesday, April 12

4:00 Exercise Class

#### Wednesday, April 13

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 DVD Series  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, April 13

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group  
12:00 Saints' Lunch

#### Sunday, April 17

##### Palm Sunday

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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### Saints Lunch Bunch

Members and friends of FPC who are 55 years or older will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon on Thursday, April 14. The main course and beverages will be provided. You may bring a dessert to share. Please make reservations at the church office, 770-786-7321 or call Jean Elder at 770-787-7951.

**Disaster Relief for Japan** If you would like to contribute to the PCUSA Disaster Fund to help the people of Japan, you may make your check payable to FPC. Put "Japan" in the memo space and we will transmit it to PCUSA on your behalf.

**To: Friends of Clarence Price at FPC** Clarence Price's sister, Shirley Smith, will be having a kidney transplant later this year. She is in need of financial help. Their goal is \$10,000. If you desire to help, you may write a check to the church and then we'll submit it to the bank. Keep Shirley and her family in your prayers.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Jodi Walden  
Moss Family

**Next week:**  
Luton Family  
Bates Family

#### Host:

Jerry Gunter

#### Ushers:

Patrick Carmichael  
Stephanie and Eleanor Scarborough

#### Sound System:

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

#### Class of 2011

Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

#### Class of 2012

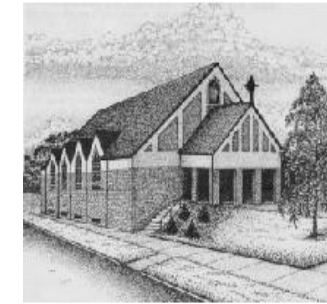
Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Sherri Bolton  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten

#### Class of 2013

Patrick Carmichael  
Judy Davis  
Denny Dobbs  
Aubrey Evans  
Dave Gregory

### CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Pastor	Alan Bunn Choir Director
Louly Fowler Hay Parish Associate	Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO Organist/Senior Choir
Dan Walden Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato Nursery
Carrie Bowers Student Intern	ana Graham Director of the Early Learning Center
Peni Haug Secretary-Treasurer	



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

April 10, 2011  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Solemn Processional* Benedetto Marcello  
*Behold, I Stand at the Threshold* J. S. Bach  
*More Love to Thee, O Christ* Carolyn Hamlin

INTROIT AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH  
*Forty Days and Forty Nights*  
Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 130:5-6  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's Word I hope.  
**My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

\* HYMN 476 LYONS  
*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 130:1-4  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
**Lord, hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
**But there is forgiveness with you,  
that you may be revered.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are.**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

**We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we continue to make a mess of our lives and the world.**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

**Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.**