

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Nina Giles
PRESENTATION TO THE CONFIRMATION
CLASS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
The One Who Has Come Back for Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 122 JUDAS MACCABEUS
Thine is the Glory
(refrain last time only)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Corinthians 15:54-56
**Death is swallowed up in victory!
O death, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?**
**The sting of death is sin, and
the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us
the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Easter Procession* arr. Helman
Bell Choir

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ALLELUIA NO. 1
Hymn 106, refrain
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**O God, change our old ways of thinking and speak-
ing and doing into Easter ways, so that how we live
may bear out what we believe; through Jesus Christ
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 371 CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

* CHARGE
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Go and tell the good news.

* BENEDICTION
CHORAL RESPONSE JUDAS MACCABEUS
Thine is the Glory

* POSTLUDE "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

There will be a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 1,** at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect an elder to fill an unexpired term for the Class of 2012.

Senior Adult Ministry Day will be at the Calvin Center on May 4, 2011. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship and worship! Senior Adult Ministries of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and Calvin Center are pleased to partner in making a great day of warm Christian hospitality for senior adults. The theme is, *A Meaningful Exchange*, where we will discover fun, fellowship and continue to connect with our Creator. Folks can participate in: Horseback riding, pottery, Bible Jeopardy, Bingo, *Praying in Color*, and enjoying God's beautiful creation! The cost for the day is only \$15. Learn more at www.calvincenter.org or call the center at 770-946-4276. The center is in Hampton, Georgia.

The Early Learning Center's 4th annual Art Affair, an entertaining evening of fun, fellowship, food, and creative art work for auction, will be held Friday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Clark Street. Tickets are available from the church office or see Carol Dunbar if you wish to support this annual ELC fundraiser.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth & Children's Ministry and Carrie Bowers, Student Pastor, are 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

† Miriam Wheeler—surgery (mother of Elizabeth Gregory)
† Travis Moss—hand surgery
† Anita Huff—lung cancer (stepdaughter of Jean Oldham)
† Dennis Sauls—very ill (Patti Lanford's brother-in-law)
† Doug Bolton—home
† Ed Crudup—home
† Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor
† Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister - chemotherapy
† 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Charles Ardis and his family in the death of his father, Charles Ardis, Sr.

Hospital Visitors this week:
Jim & Jean Elder



National Day of Prayer

Grace United Methodist Church, 3145 Washington Street, Covington, is blessed to host the Prayer Vigil for the **National Day of Prayer**. The community is invited to prayer for our government (local, state, and federal), church, military, family, education, business and the media on May 5, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. We have 15 minute time slots but you may stay longer. Bring your family and friends. This year the theme is "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

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.

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 "Individual Life Cycles."

One Great Hour of Sharing—please read the bulletin insert for this special Easter Offering. You may use the special envelope for your offering.

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are needed—use form in pew or call the church by 2:00 on Tuesdays. Menu this week: Hamburger Steak Patty with gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas & Carrots, Fried Chicken & Rolls.

A lunch for our neighbors residing at the Covington Square Apartments will be held in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **April 28, at 12:00 noon**. Anyone who would like to participate in the preparations or assist that day, please call Jean Elder at 770-787-7951.

CHANGE THE WORLD, IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY DAY May 7th - 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Hosted by Covington First United Methodist Church

First Presbyterian Church is excited to be participating in this event. We will have a booth set up on their church grounds featuring our community outreach programs and the ways we serve and help the people of Newton County. We encourage all in our church to be there and see what is going on, not just in our church, but other churches in our community as well. Come. Wear a Presbyterian t-shirt if you have one, volunteer to help staff our booth, visit all the displays and events of that day, and enjoy this community of "just people of Christ". For more information, call Jean Blair (678) 342-4377.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Sunday, April 24, Easter

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

Tuesday, April 19

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, May 1

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Congregational Meeting

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.

E-mail addresses:

wbwade@bellsouth.net djwalden@mac.com
carriannbowers@gmail.com penihaug@bellsouth.net

Website: www.fpccov.org

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street
Covington, Georgia 30014

Auction - Dessert Fundraiser

Make plans to attend this fundraiser on May 20th at 7 p.m. The fundraiser is for Shirley Smith (sister of Clarence Price). Many items have already been donated. We have homemade cakes, a personnel pedicure, walking sticks, unique gift baskets, quilted bags and a tea party for little girls. Many more items are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please call Bernice Bailey (770-786-3048) or Judy Hooten (770-786-6640) if you have something to donate or questions about the event. Let's join together in helping Shirley raise the \$10,000 necessary to be placed on the Kidney Transplant List.

First Quarter Statements for those who pledge are ready to be picked up from the narthex.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Hawley Family
Loeble Family

Next week:

Laib Family
Weesner Family

Host:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

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

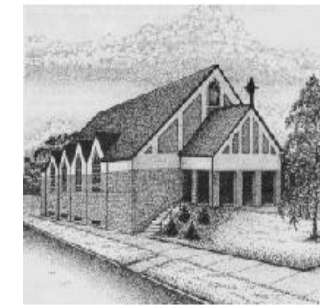
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten

Class of 2013

Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

<i>O Hail This Brightest Day of Days</i>	J. S. Bach
<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!</i>	Healey Willan
<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	Wilbur Held
<i>Improvisation-Toccata: "The Strife is O'er"</i>	Alfred V. Fedak

OPENING SENTENCES

John 19:40-42
John 20:1
John 16:22, 33

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.

We believe.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Bedford

Children's Choir

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.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

Nina Giles, Jim Gregory, Will Gregory, Sam Hay, IV, Jake McCarthy, and Jack Weesner