

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God loves us, even when we are not particularly loving ourselves.

God forgives us, even when we have been unforgiving of others.

God gives us grace, even though we do not deserve it.

So, let us love one another.

So, let us forgive each other.

So, let us offer grace to one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven and freed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356, stanza 1 NETTLETON

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 Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Every Valley* Beck

Dan Walden, solo
Alice Walker, piano

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low; And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed; And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Amen.

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 John 7:37-39

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Thomas Evans
A Living Faith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 332 *Live Into Hope* TRURO

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith VIII.1

God sends the church into the world.

God has not taken God's people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

God Has Spoken by the Prophets James D. Kimball

* CONGREGATIONAL REPSONSE

Hymn 422, stanza 1 BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Make us generous in our giving and in our living, O God. Fill us until we overflow with your goodness and grace, for we pray in the precious name of the one who emptied himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 430 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE *Carillon Toccata* Douglas Wagner

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Student Intern Carrie Bowers, is helping to lead 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

- †JoEllen Kimball, niece of Charlotte Epps - surgery
- †Cam Wade, knee surgery, 3/1
- †Ed Crudup, hip surgery, 3/3
- †Linda Wade (friend of Penny Blakeney) lung cancer
- †William Lawson, cancer treatment, uncle of Terri Digby
- †Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor
- †Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister - brain tumor, chemotherapy
- †Charles Ardis—home
- †Doug Bolton—home
- †Jan Coulon-home
- †Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer
- †Kurt Hester-home
- †Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer
- †Jeannie Liem-home
- †Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy
- †Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
- †Joyce Ashworth - home
- †Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
- †Velma Prescott—home

Covington Square

- † Rita Harrell
- † Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

- † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor
- † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
- † 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Eric and Courtney Henderson in the death of his mother, Leslie Henderson; and to the Booth Family in the death of Eric's mother, and Ethan's grandmother, Chris Booth.

Hospital Visitor this week is:
Jean Wolverton.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 27
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:30 Youth Connection at First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, March 1
4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, March 2
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Study Group
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 3
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, March 6
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

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.

Mid-Week Feast

Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: Salisbury steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn, vegetable medley, fried chicken and rolls. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation on the form in the pew rack. You may also call the church office or register from the website.

DVD LECTURE SERIES takes place on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. after supper. The study on Buddhism continues with "All is Suffering." Join us to view the DVD and for a lively discussion afterward.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Evans, Executive Presbyterian of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Dr. Evans came to Atlanta February of 2010 to serve as the Executive Presbyterian of Greater Atlanta. He previously served as Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, which includes central Alabama Presbyterian churches. In this position, he was co-founder of the Alabama Faith Council working with churches of 25 traditions, as well as fostering collaborative work between the two other presbyteries in Alabama. Prior to going to Birmingham, Dr. Evans served churches in Idaho Falls, Idaho; Magnolia, Arkansas and Buffalo, New York. Dr. Evans, a graduate of The College of William and Mary, holds both Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, in Princeton, New Jersey. He and his wife, Wendy, a librarian, have two children, Liz and Matthew. Liz is a sophomore at the University of Alabama and Matthew an avid reader is currently in fifth grade.

In the narthex today is a Black History Exhibit in honor of Black History Month. The theme for the display this year is: African-American Women, Past, Present and Future. Stop and take a look at the display in the narthex.

The Prayer Study, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray", will meet on Tuesday evening, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., March 1. The group meets at the home of Alice and Ken Walker.

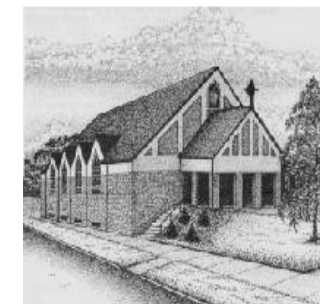
Year-end Statements of Giving

Statements of giving for the year 2010 are available to all persons who have given to the church during the year. This includes those who made a pledge and those who have given of your treasure in the past year. The statements are in a marked tray in alphabetical order. If you discover an error on your statement, please let us know and we will make the correction and send you an updated copy. Call the church office or e-mail me at: penihaug@bellsouth.net - Thanks, Peni H.

You may pickup a **2011 SPLOST fact sheet** in the Narthex which will give you details for informed voting in the March 15 special election.

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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

February 27, 2011

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude on "London New" Robert J. Powell
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Emma Lou Diemer
"Prelude" to a Te Deum Marc Antoine Charpentier

INTROIT

Come and Worship Srisuwan
 Sanctuary Choir

- * **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 104: 24, 31
 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

- * **HYMN 455** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

We join as one family, sisters and brothers. We come to experience forgiveness and peace. In faithful witness to your goodness, O God, we confess our sins before you and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that too often we see others serving you in ways that appear excessive and extravagant to us. We criticize, scold and pass judgment upon others, as if we could limit the abundant ways that they express their love and service to you. Forgive us, we pray, for our short-sightedness and sin. Help us to recognize that there are a variety of ways for diverse peoples to express their faithfulness and love to you.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**WELCOME TO
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

<p>Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery: Loeble Family Hawley Family Next week: Weesner Family Laib Family</p>	<p>Hosts: Lynn & Jonathan Miller Ushers: Betty Bailey, Bernice Bailey, Shaun Evans Sound System: Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION		
<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2011 Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2012 Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Sherri Bolton Mac Cranford Judy Hooten</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2013 Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>

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