

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

* HYMN 40 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Suite 4: Christmas Day in the Morning*

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

Holy God, may this proclamation of your Holy Word fill us with the whisper of your presence and let us feel the touch of your hand upon our hearts. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 2:1-12
Ephesians 3:1-12

SERMON Dan Walden
Access Granted

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 28 IN DULCE JUBILO
Good Christian Friends Rejoice

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, He brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IRBY

Hymn 49

**He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Voetberg/Metzger
ADESTE FIDELES/STILLE NACHT/GLORIA

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
Hymn 66 *We Three Kings*
**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of the stars of night, accept the thanksgiving we offer on this joyful feast. We join the wise men from the East and humbly offer gifts at the feet of Jesus, offerings of prayer and praise to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 23 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE
What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

* POSTLUDE Georges Bizet
March of the Three Kings (Farandole)

Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is preaching today.
- * Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, is assisting with worship today.
- * Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, *Touch of Holiness*, are the authors of the Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving.
- * 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

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| †William Lawson, cancer surgery, uncle of Terri Digby | †Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy |
| †Roger Tingler-neck surgery, home | †Brennan Simkins—bone marrow transplant |
| †Cal McCloskey, grandson of Pat and Hilda Patrick-home | †Courteney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida Covington Square |
| †Carleene Overstreet, surgery—friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem | †Rita Harrell |
| †Roger Wallace—Rehabilitation in Madison, Rm#825B, 706-342-1667 | †Joy Knight |
| †Guy McGiboney-Newton Medical | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: |
| †Rita Harrell—home | †John Cannon-Riverside |
| †Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor | †Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor |
| †Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister – brain tumor, chemotherapy | †Hal & Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers |
| †George Stamps-surgery this week | †Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center |
| †Charles Ardis—surgery this week | †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| †Chris Booth, grandmother of Ethan Booth—Emory Hospital | †Helen and George Stamps—Benton House |
| †Doug Bolton—home | Military: |
| †Vanessa Gayle Elder, daughter of Patrick and Janet Carmichael, home | †David and Savannah Rickert |
| †Leslie Henderson, Eric Henderson's mother-cancer | †Mike Laib |
| †Yvonne Shepherd, sister of Patrick Carmichael-major surgery | †John Rossi |
| †Jan Coulon-home | †Renee Boston |
| †Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer | †Charles Bailey |
| †Kurt Hester-home | |
| †Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer | |
| †Jeannie Liem-home, dialysis | |

We extend our prayers to Billy and Theodosia Wade in the death of their friend, Jim Murdock.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 2

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, January 4

10:00 Circle I
10:00 Circle II
10:30 Circle IV
4:00 Exercise Class
7:00 Circle III

Wednesday, January 5

4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:30 Handbell Choir
6:45 Study Group
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 6

The Epiphany
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, January 9

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with
Holy Communion and
Installation and Ordination
of New Elders
Noon Session Meeting
5:30 Youth Connection and
Parents' Meeting

Activities in the Life of the Church

Mid-Week Feast Happy New Year!!! The first Mid-Week Feast of 2011 will be January 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: meatloaf, fried chicken, black eyed peas, collards and cornbread. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation from the form in the pew rack.

DVD Lecture Series on Hinduism begins Wednesday, January 5th after the mid-week feast, at 6:45 p.m. It begins with "Hinduism in the World and the World of Hinduism. The next week it is "Caste," Jan. 19 is "Seeing God," and Jan. 26 is "Hinduism in the Modern Period." In February, the study will be on Buddhism.

MEN'S STUDY & BREAKFAST The men of the church are invited to a Saturday morning breakfast and study on January 15, 8:00 a.m. at the Townhouse Café on Washington Street. The study this month from the book, *Men Worth Knowing*, is: Peter, the rock. Join us and bring a friend!

Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, January 9, prepare your heart.

A Service of Ordination and Installation will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 9. Newly elected elders will be installed. They are: Sherri Bolton, Patrick Carmichael, Denny Dobbs, Judy Davis, Aubrey Evans, and Dave Gregory. Three of them have not served before as elder and will be ordained: Sherri Bolton, Patrick Carmichael and Dave Gregory.

Session meeting: Sunday, January 9, after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

Congregational Meeting: The annual Congregational Meeting to hear the budget and act on changes in the call to the minister will be Sunday, January 16, at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. According to our Book of Order, Session sets the budget, but the congregation must approve all changes in the minister's terms of call. All questions are welcome.

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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Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

Circle I—Tuesday, 1/4, 10:00 at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-4932

Circle II—Tuesday, 1/4, 10:00 at the home of Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246

Circle III—Tuesday, 1/4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eleanor Scarborough, 770-786-4661

Circle IV—Tuesday, 1/4, 10:30 at the home of Jean Blair, 678-342-4377

5th Wheel—Thursday, 1/20, 7:30 location to be announced

Circle VI—Tuesday, January 4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bernice and Betty Bailey, 770-786-3048

Please call the hostess to "RSVP" or for directions to her home.

Serving us this Week

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Hawley Family
Bates Family
Next week:
Laib Family
Loeble Family

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Denny & Cathy Dobbs, Chair
Tootles and Roger Tingler

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2010

Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

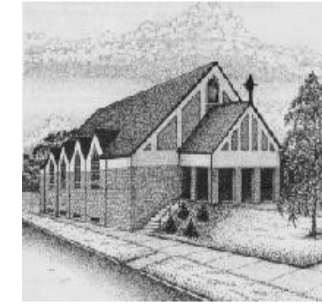
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Warren Liem

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

January 2, 2011



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days
What Child Is This
Canon de Noel

J. S. Bach
Timothy Albrecht
Pachelbel/Martin

INTROIT *What Star is This, with Beams So Bright*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.