

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Bill Loebler

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *I Love to Tell the Story* Hankey
Sanctuary Choir

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love,
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do*

*I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN (A Story)

*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 4 (selected)

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Kennon

A Woman, A Well, and Living Water
(a sermon in stories)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 466

AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (with story)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *Deuteronomy 6*— a “credo” of Israel)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your

heart...fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Jesus is Lord!

(This is the earliest creed of the Christian Church)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's Grace.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

(with story)

OFFERTORY *Keep Me in Thy Ways, O Lord* Eubanks

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 404 (with story)

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Tune: Edelweiss)

Come my Lord, dwell with me send your grace and your mercy. Give me hope, give me strength in your bounty of blessings.

So let my faith and love bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.

Come, O Christ, be my peace, bless our sharing together!

* POSTLUDE

My Savior, My Hope

Douglas

Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry and Carrie Bowers, Seminary Intern, 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

- † Joyce Ashworth, recovering from surgery
 - † Linda Wade, lung cancer-friend of Penny Blakeney.
 - † William Lawson, cancer surgery, uncle of Terri Digby
 - † Roger Tingler-neck surgery, home
 - † Roger Wallace—home
 - † Guy McGiboney-home
 - † Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor
 - † Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister – brain tumor, chemotherapy
 - † Charles Ardis—home
 - † Chris Booth, grandmother of Ethan Booth—Sacred Journey Hospice
 - † Doug Bolton—home
 - † Vanessa Gayle Elder, daughter of Patrick and Janet Carmichael, home
 - † Leslie Henderson, Eric Henderson's mother-cancer
 - † Yvonne Shepherd, sister of Patrick Carmichael-major surgery
 - † 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, dialysis
 - † Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister —chemotherapy
 - † Courteney LeCroix Hoover- waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
- Covington Square**
 † Rita Harrell
 † Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

- † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor
 - † Hal & 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:**
 † David and Savannah Rickert
 † Mike Laib
 † John Rossi
 † Renee Boston
 † Charles Bailey

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Jeanne Cannon and her family on the death of the Rev. John Cannon, Jr. A service in witness to the resurrection will take place at 1:00 p.m. today in the FPC sanctuary.

We remember the Hester Family in the death of Billy Hester, who died on Wednesday. A graveside service will be held tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at Lawnwood cemetery.

We also remember Bob and Shirley Riser, whose son Scott was killed in an auto accident this week.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Mary Bollinger.

A Footnote on today's worship service: Today's worship is focused on storytelling. Joseph Campbell said our stories can be “pathways to bliss...our transparency to the transcendent.” My own view is that God made people because He loves good stories. Jesus told a lot of stories...to delight and enlighten the soul, to free up our minds and hearts, to discover new possibilities and potentials for our life

journeys. In these days of Google and Internet, facts might be of little use or differentiation. Stories, however, are the maps that make sense of facts. I thank Billy Wade for his 25 years of sermons and sharing his many stories with us. They have indeed enriched my life, and made me a better person. Thank you, as well, for listening to mine...Larry Kennon

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 23
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, January 25
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 26
 4:00 Adventure Club
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast
 6:45 Study Group
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 27
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
 11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, January 30
Billy Wade Day!
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 2:00 Celebration of 25 Years
 of Ministry
 A reception will follow in
 the fellowship hall

Activities in the Life of the Church

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: turkey, ham, green beans and sweet potato soufflé. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation on the form in the pew rack or by e-mail or from our website.

DVD Lecture Series meets on Wednesdays, after the mid-week feast, at 6:45 p.m. The study for the next few weeks will be on "Hinduism." The next topic is "Seeing God" and will finish with "Hinduism in the Modern Period."

Prayer Study: A four week study called "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," will begin on Tuesday, February 1, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Alice Walker. Sign up and take 1 of the study guides which will be found in the narthex. The class is limited to 19. Speak with Alice Walker or Grace Ottley for more information.

Join us in honoring Billy Wade for his 25
 years of service to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 30, 2011

Regular worship services at 11:00 a.m.
 with the Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw as guest preacher

A time of recognition at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Reception at 3:00 p.m. in Martin Fellowship Hall

End-of-Year Statements are available to all who pledged or donated to FPC during 2010. The statements are on the table in the narthex. It saves the postage budget if you take them home with you. Thanks.

Presbyterian Women: Save the Date! Tuesday, February 8, the women will have a "Wellness Party" from 7:00—9:00 p.m. (Most circles will also have a regular 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.

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Eagle Award Ceremony

Lane Dobbs will receive his Eagle Scout award today at 3 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:
 Arnold Family
Next week:
 Gregory Family
 Hay Family

Hosts:
 Lynn and Jonathan Miller

Ushers:
 Denny & Cathy Dobbs, Chair
 Tootles and Roger Tingler

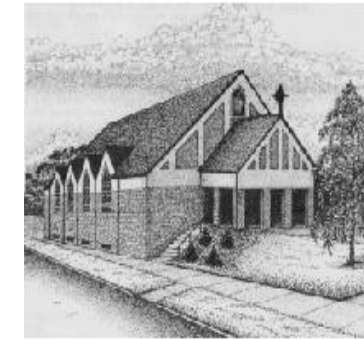
Sound System:
 Rick Gunter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner	Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Sherri Bolton Mac Cranford Judy Hooten	Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

January 23, 2011
 Third Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Bist Du Bei Mir</i>	J. S. Bach
INTROIT	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Children's Choir	SLANE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered as God's people to hear the story
That uncovers our competitiveness and invites us to true community.

We give thanks for stories that point to truths about God and ourselves and our discipleship.

We will hear the good news that uncovers mystery or revelation or the ways of the Lord.

So hear the good news of Jesus who invites us to drink
 LIVING WATER

and to take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 555 (with story) NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Merciful One, we confess that we fail to love as You love. We are quick to share our own stories while we ignore the stories of others. We fail to see Your Kingdom in each other. We push aside those whom we believe to be invisible or marginalized or LEAST in Your Kingdom. So challenge our assumptions and instill within us a holy DISEASE until all have heard and believed Your Story...for the sake of the Kingdom that is and is not yet...AMEN.

(silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (with story)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 322

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.