

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Mendelssohn
Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains
 Sanctuary Choir Women
*Lift thine eyes to the mountains; whence cometh help?
 Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
 He hath said thy foot shall not be moved.
 Thy keeper will never slumber.
 (from Psalm 121)*

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 Psalm 46

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Though the Mountains Shake in the Heart of the Sea

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 436 WHITFIELD
We Are Your People

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among

all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Cesar Franck
Allegretto Cantando from Fantaisie, Op. 16

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, move in our hearts so our eyes may be opened to your love for us and for all people. Move our hands that we might reach out in love and our feet that we may go where you call us. Make us true stewards of this earth, until Christ comes again to reconcile all things through his grace and power; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 425 ABBOT'S LEIGH
Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION John 16:33
 "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace," Jesus said. "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

* CHORAL RESPONSE Robinson
Amen
 Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
Prelude in A minor



WORSHIP NOTES

- * Carrie Bowers, Student Intern, 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

† Doug Bolton— home
 † Ed Crudup—home
 † Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor
 † Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister – brain tumor, chemotherapy
 † Charles Ardis, Sr.-cancer (father of Charles Ardis)
 † Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer
 † Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer
 † Courteney 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

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 the Hawkes family in the death of member **Sara Hawkes**. The funeral will be here at FPC on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be Monday, 6-8:00 p.m. at Caldwell and Cowan on the Access Road.*

*We celebrate with Andrea and Dan Heisel, whose son, **Charles Foster Heisel**, was born on March 8, 2011.*

*Congratulations to: **Quinton Prince** who has been selected as the French Teacher of the Year and the Foreign Language New Teacher of Promise for the state of Georgia; and to **Lisa Boyd**, Rockdale County Teacher of the Year, and in the finals for the Teacher of the Year for the State of Georgia; and to **Claire Cannon** who has graduated from nursing school.*

Hospital Visitor this week is:
 Cy Wolverton

† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation

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 at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: baked potato bar with chili and other "trimmings" and salad bar. 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.

The DVD study group has started on another of the world's great religions, Judaism, with lectures by Professor Isaiah M. Gafni of Hebrew University. The study group takes place 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 "The Jewish Library."

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.

SPRING ORGAN CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church of Covington will present a Spring Organ Concert on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. Performers will be Tom Alderman, Organist at Roswell United Methodist Church; Jim Ingram, Chairman/CEO of the Allen Organ Studios in Augusta; Becky Ramsey, Organist at First United Methodist Church of Covington; and Alice Walker, Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Covington. Repertoire will include Classical, Theatre Organ, Popular, and Gospel favorites. The artists will play the 31 ranks of pipes on the FPC Wicks Organ, as well as the great variety of newly installed MIDI stops now available on the instrument. A reception will be served following the concert on the front porch of the church. The concert is open to the public. Mark your calendar now for this unique musical opportunity!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 27, Lent 3

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
3:00 Spring Organ Concert
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 29

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, April 3, Lent 4

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

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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Save the Date

VBS for the summer of 2011
July 11 - 16 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Early registration will be available in May. For more information, please contact Debra

Arnold at 404-275-2399 or Rebecca Bates at 770-788-9522.

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:

Gregory Family

Next week:

Ardis Family
Jessup Family

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Bill & Jean Blair
Shaun Evans & David Gregory

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012

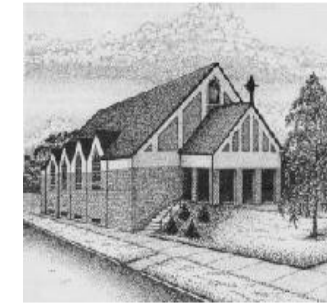
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Sherri Bolton
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten

Class of 2013

Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <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>	Aubrey Elliott & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Carrie Bowers <i>Student Intern</i>	Deana Graham <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

March 27, 2011
Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT *You Are the Rain* Hubert
Children's Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-2
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

* HYMN 210 ST. ANNE
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, breathe into us your renewing Spirit. We call ourselves your disciples, but we often are weak and half-hearted. Our doubts weigh heavily upon us. Our words fail us. We lose hope. Forgive us. Give us a deeper sense of your presence in us and in the world, and help us to point others to your presence; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Romans 8

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who is against us?

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; will he not also give us all things with him?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies; who is to condemn?

Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?