loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending love for us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service?

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

On mountaintops and in the valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven.
By God's mercy, we are made whole.
By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *This Glimpse of Glory* White

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, We, like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us of the God we bless.

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 Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.

Peaks and Valleys

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 73 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER (on insert) Denny Dobbs

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Michael Burkhardt
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

* 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

Holy God, you never fail to surprise us with your grace, your mercy and your majesty. And yet we doubt. We doubt your goodness and your promises to us. Help us to listen and to trust in you. Shape us and form us into the people you created us to be. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE William Walton
Orb and Sceptre - *Coronation March*

WORSHIP NOTES

* Student Intern Carrie Bowers and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are 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, home
✝Ed Crudup, hip surgery, rehab in Madison
✝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
✝Charles Ardis, Sr.-cancer (father of Charles Ardis)
✝Doug Bolton— to have surgery March 11
✝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
✝Courteney 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

Hospital Visitor this week is:
Ruth McDaniel

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 6
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Called Session Meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 8
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 9
4:00 Adventure Club
5:30 Supper at First United Methodist Church
6:15 Choir rehearsal at FUMC
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship at First United Methodist Church

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

Friday, March 11
6:00 Session Retreat begins

Saturday, March 12
9:00 Session Retreat until 1:00

Sunday, March 13, Lent 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

Activities in the Life of the Church

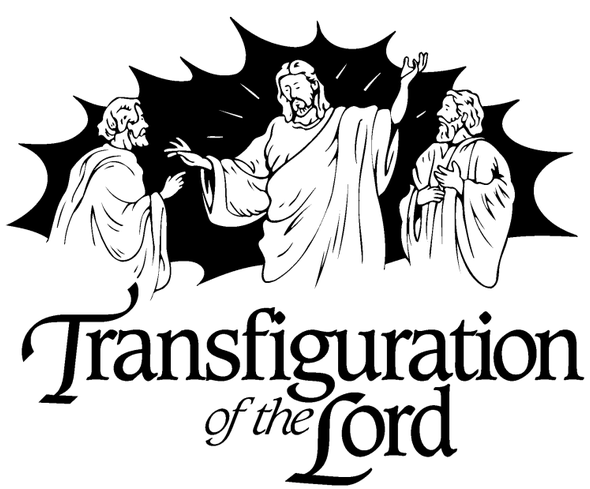
An Exercise Class is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. All adults are invited to participate.

Wednesday Night Supper and Ash Wednesday worship will take place at the First United Methodist Church: Supper takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday and worship follows at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are necessary by Tuesday morning at 10:00. Call our church at 770-786-7321 office or their office, 770-786-7305, if you plan to attend supper.

NO DVD LECTURE takes place this week, due to Ash Wednesday Services at the First Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

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 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.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 13. Remember to set you clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



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.

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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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:
Weesner Family
Laib Family
Next week:
Ann Bouchillon
Stillerman Family

Hosts:
Stephanie Fortson and Donna Weesner

Ushers:
Bill & Jean Blair
Shaun Evans & David Gregory

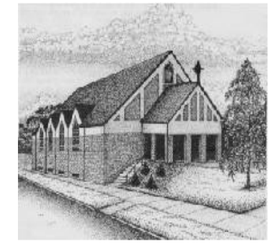
Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Covington, Georgia

March 6, 2011

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
Processional Prelude on HYFRYDOL — John G. Barr
Toccata Pontificale — Gordon Young
Morning Jubilation — arr. Edwards
Handbell Choir

INTROIT *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* — GENEVA
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 99
The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

* HYMN 138 — NICAEA
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION
Sometimes it seems that we wait for God to astound us with mighty wonders, while God knows that what we need is grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly sitcoms, yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, that we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, that we might know how