

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT

Hymn 347, stanza 1
**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us,
Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to
live the words we say.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that in Christ, our sins are forgiven,
our lives are made whole, we become God's own people.
**Once we were not a people, but now we are God's
people; once we had not received mercy, but now we
have received mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

Hymn 356, stanza 1
**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 me-
lodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's
unchanging love!**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

As people forgiven and freed, may the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts
and your minds.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Walk in the Light* André Thomas
Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful
light, come where the dewdrops
of mercy shine bright. Shine all
around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
Jesus the light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn King,"
Jesus the light of the world.*

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of
Peace! Jesus the light of the
world; Christ, the everlasting
Lord! Jesus the light of the
world; Jesus the light of the
world.*

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 1 Peter 2:2-10

SERMON Carrie Bowers

Like Living Stones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 430 DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

* 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A WORD FOR STEWARDSHIP Jay Lanners

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Stephenson

Down by the Riverside
Handbell Choir

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 422, stanza 1
**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

**God, whose love knows no ending, we offer our
praise and thanksgiving to you and you alone. Ac-
cept these our gifts that your will might be done
here on earth and that we might glimpse your king-
dom dawning in our midst. Continue to move in our
hearts, stirring within us a desire to continue to
seek you and to be your people. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE
WORD INTO THE WORLD**

* HYMN (insert) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

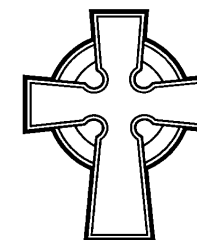
* CHORAL RESPONSE KINGSFOLD
Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

* POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sixth Symphony Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Carrie Bowers, Student Intern, is the preacher today and is assisting with worship; Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is also assisting with worship.
- * 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

- †Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)
- †Janet Carmichael—home
- †Patrick Carmichael—tests
- †Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)
- †Alton Gaston—cancer, (brother of Carolyn Jordan)
- †Kevin Bates—home
- †Eric Malcolm - brain tumor (friend of Martha Fernicola)
- †Lori Pullan, hospice care (Doug Arnold's sister)
- †Charles Ardis—home
- †Richard Londry, cancer (cousin of Susan Crowell)
- †Dennis Sauls, very ill (brother-in-law of Patti Lanford)
- †Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
- †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
- †Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
- Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
- †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- †Helen and George Stamps—Benton House
- †Mary Crudup—Benton House
- Military:**
- †Savannah Cannon
- †Mike Laib
- †John Rossi
- †Renee Boston
- †Charles Bailey
- †Martha Fernicola's nephew, Japan

Hospital Visitor this week is:
Betty Robinson



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.

The Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, May 25, 9:45 a.m. at the Merryvale care facility. All women are urged to attend. We will present a patriotic program with singing and readings.

Mid-Week Feast on Wednesday, May 25th, 6 PM

Join us for our last Mid-Week Feast until school begins again. The menu is: barbecued ribs, baked beans, and slaw "a la Clarence". Please bring a dessert to share. Dinner is \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for children. Please make reservations by completing a "ticket" in the church pew, visiting the church website, or by calling the church office by noon on Tuesday.

Dedication of the Park will take place after supper on May 25th. Come for the Mid-Week Feast or drop by about 6:45 p.m. for the dedication which will take place in the park on Brown Street.

DVD Lecture Series The Mid-Week DVD Lecture Series on Judaism will meet this Wednesday after the dedication of the park. The series will conclude with the final lecture "Judaism and Others".

The Witness Team is asking for supplies to be distributed by the First Presbyterian Church of Griffin to Spalding county victims of the recent storms and tornadoes. A collection box is in the narthex. Supplies needed include paper plates, plastic dinnerware, plastic cups, soap, cleaning products, trash bags, non-perishable foods, personal grooming products, latex gloves, heavy duty work gloves, toilet paper, paper towels. For more information, contact Rick Gunter or Judy Davis, 770-464-4025.

The Montreat Retreat is scheduled for Nov. 4-6. Registration forms are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please fill out the form and turn it in to the church office to save your space at Montreat!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 24

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 25

6:00 Mid-Week Feast
Park dedication after supper
DVD class after park dedication
6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

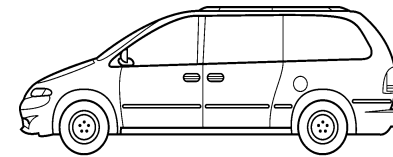
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, May 29

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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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



Presbyterian Women — Save the Date

The Installation Banquet for the women of the church is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Gregory Family
Andrea Heisel
Next week:
Jessup Family
Ardis Family

Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Rick Gunter
Aubrey & Shaun Evans
Day & Larry Kennon

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012

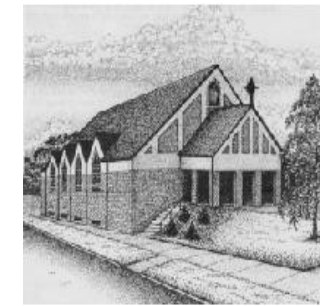
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Day Kennon
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten

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>	Pauleen Green & 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

May 22, 2011
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation Robert M. Speed
The Solid Rock Arr. Bennett and Berry

INTROIT *The Call* music: K. Lee Scott text: George Herbert
Alan Bunn, solo

*Come, my way, my truth, my life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength;
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in search of the one who is the way.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
We come in search of the one who is the truth.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Believe in God."
We come in search of the one who is the life.
Jesus said to his disciples, "Believe also in me . . .
For, I am the way, and the truth and the life."

* HYMN 487 LAUDES DOMINI
When Morning Gilds the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

The stone tossed aside by the architects of sin and death, is the one who becomes the foundation for redemption, the cornerstone for grace and hope. We can confess freely and openly to God, who will not shame us, but forgive us and welcome us home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Each petition of confession offered will end with:
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)