

* 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 John 14:27
 Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Wilby
 Sanctuary Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter. That He may abide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

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 READINGS Matthew 24:3-14, 29-44
 Acts 1:6-11

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
The End

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 379 SOLID ROCK
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VILLE DU HAVRE

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll;
 whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be roll'd back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
 "Even so," it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Shaker Hymn Tune
 Variations on *Simple Gifts*

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God, whose love knows no ending, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you and you alone. Accept these our gifts that your will might be done here on earth and that we might glimpse your kingdom 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.

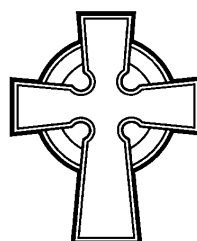
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 262 NATIONAL HYMN
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE
Holy Forever Bell
 Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE Matthew H. Corl
 Recessional on *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is 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.

MEMORIAL DAY



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)
- †Eric Malcolm - brain tumor (friend of Martha Fernicola)
- †Lori Pullan, hospice care (Doug Arnold's sister)
- †Charles Ardis—home
- †Dennis Sauls, very ill (brother-in-law of Patti Lanford)
- †Courteney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
- †Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
- †Grace Ottley—home

- 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Rachel King who died on Friday.

Hospital Visitor this week is:
 Jon Williams



Covington Square
 †Rita Harrell
 †Joy Knight

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 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.



Presbyterian Women—Save the Date

All women of the church are invited to the Installation Banquet on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Mary Martin, the editor of our Pathways Newsletter and the District One leader of the Presbytery will install our new officers for the next two years. Our new leaders include Linda Boyd (moderator), Carol McGiboney (vice moderator), Joyce Ashworth (secretary), and Bettie Miller (treasurer). We are asking that Circle I bring meat salads, Circle II bring pasta salads, Circle III bring Jello salads, Circle IV bring vegetable salads, and Circle VI bring desserts. Please check with your circle chairperson. Following dinner we will have a program and some fun entertainment. This is a time for all women to gather to enjoy the friends and fellowship found here in the FPC of Covington. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

The Montreat Retreat is scheduled for Nov. 4-6. Registration forms (pink) are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please fill out the form and turn it in to the church office with your deposit to save your space at Montreat! The form is also posted on our website.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

4:00 Exercise Class

Thursday, June 2

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, June 5

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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Do we have your "facts" on file?

Try as we might, sometimes we don't have the correct addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and birthdays or other information that would help us communicate better with the congregation. Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or if you have changed addresses, phones, e-mails, or are not receiving "First Press" the monthly newsletter for FPC. (Use the email or phone number as above.) Thanks!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Jessup Family
Ardis Family
Next week:
Jodi Walden
Shawn Loftin

Hosts:

Chris & Barbara Martin

Ushers:

Spencer & Linda Boyd
Shaun Evans & Lelia Raines

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.
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Pastor

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Dan Walden
Carrie Bowers

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Student Intern Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Choir Director

Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO

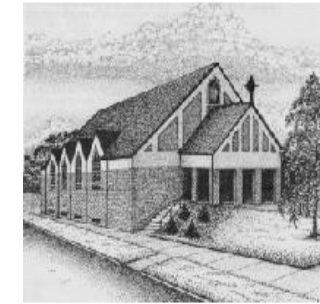
Organist/Senior Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Deana Graham

Director of the Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

May 29, 2011
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Edwin T. Childs
Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious Bryn Calfaria

INTROIT

Holy Forever Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult...

"Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

* HYMN 420 CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus the redeemer and judge, we are forgiven.