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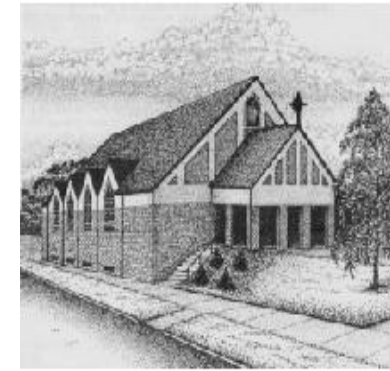
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

May 8, 2011

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Order of Worship

(Please enter quietly and listen to God.)

MUSIC TO HELP US GET READY TO WORSHIP

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!
Festival Piece on NICAIA
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Ms. Alice
 DARWALL'S 148TH
 Jerry Westenkuehler
 John A. Behnke

ELEVEN CHIMES FOR 11 O'CLOCK

BEGINNING WITH SONG

Guide My Feet
 Children's Choir

African-American Spiritual

I'm your child while I run this race (3x)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

JESUS CALLS US Psalm 78:5-7

Ethan Booth

Leader: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,
Everyone: Which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

Leader: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
Everyone: And rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God,

Leader: And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

* **SONG FOR EVERYONE TO SING 482**

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Abigail Venham

Leader: When we get together to worship God, it is important for us to admit all of the things that we've done wrong, and to ask God to forgive us. Let us pray together for God's forgiveness.

Everyone: Holy God, we thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us to live. We have done wrong things and not done all of the good things we should have done. Only you can save us; so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader: Friends, I bring you good news! God doesn't hold a grudge. God loves us so much that nothing can come between God and us. The good news is that we are all forgiven!

* **SONG OF THANKS**

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Praise ye the Lord! (2x)
Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia! (3x)
Praise ye the Lord!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery: Stillerman Family Ann Bouchillon Next week: Arnold Family Loucy/Sam Hay Family	Host: Jerry Gunter	Sunday, May 8 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Children's Day Worship Service	Thursday, May 12 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group
	Ushers: TBA	Tuesday, May 10 4:00 Exercise Class	Saturday, May 14 Columbia Theological Seminary Graduation
	Sound System: Ken Walker	Wednesday, May 11 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 DVD Series 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	Sunday, May 15 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 3:00 "Time Flies" Concert

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

- Assisting with worship today are: Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries; Carrie Bowers, Student Pastor and Children and Youth of the church.
- Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

CHURCH STAFF

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

NEW SINGING GROUP TO PERFORM AT FPC

Time Flies is the newest program of the Arts Association Young Artists Programs. It was begun by request of students who had graduated from



Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers (thus, the name "Time Flies") who live in the community, and are going to school at GPC or working. In collaboration with GPC and with FPC, the choir was begun in September and is under the direction of Mary Lynn Luke. **FPC members of "Time Flies" are Jodi Walden and Aubrey Evans.**

The choir performed at Christmas in Covington with OSC and OYS and is performing its first full concert on **May 15 at 3:00 pm in the FPC sanctuary.** The Arts Association thanks the members of FPC for doing life-changing work for all ages of students in this community by providing weekly rehearsal space for its choral programs.

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mr. Billy

WELCOME AND SIGNING IN

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH?

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Bright and Beautiful – a Children's Suite*

arr. Hayes

*Praise him, praise him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;
Love him, love him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All Things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.*

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so. God love us, one and all.*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-12

THE WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN *Through the Roof*

(sing on cue from the organ)
**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.**

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Rainey Loftin

from: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Leader: Who are you?
Everyone: I am a child of God
Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?
Everyone: That I belong to God, who loves me.
Leader: What makes you a child of God?
Everyone: Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.
Leader: How do you thank God for this gift of love?
Everyone: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

SAD THINGS AND HAPPY THINGS

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Allie Hay and Sophia Hawley

Leader 1: O God, who came to us as a child, who welcomes the child, and who calls us to be more like children, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that children bring.

Leader 2: For their smiles and tears, their questions and wisdom, their energy, playfulness, imagination and love,

Everyone: We thank you, O God.

Leader 1: For the things that they teach us, and their eagerness to learn; for the challenges they bring us, and the gifts they share,

Everyone: We thank you, O God.

Leader 2: For their laughter, for their wonder,

Everyone: We thank you, O God.

Leader 1: O God, who has compassion on the weak and promises life abundant for all, we pray for the needs of children.

Leader 2: For those who live in poor conditions, for those who live in fear,

Everyone: We pray to you, O God.

Leader 1: For those who lack attention and care; for those who feel left out,

Everyone: We pray to you, O God.

Leader 2: O God, as we hear the voice of Jesus to let the children come, help us to open wide our arms, welcoming those who are near and reaching out to those who are far away. Help us to share your love as we:

Everyone: Remember the children, listen to the children, celebrate the children, serve the children, and love the children the way that Jesus taught us.

Leader 1: The same Jesus who taught us all to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen

SHARING WITH OTHERS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
Ms. Alice

Robert J. Powell

* SONG FOR EVERYONE 422

Robert L. Edwards

**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 TO BE STRONG DISCIPLES

Dear God, we know that everything that we have and everything that we are comes from you because you love us so much. Please accept our gifts to you and use them to help your people everywhere. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

* SONG FOR EVERYONE 239

WINCHESTER OLD

How Happy is Each Child of God

* BLESSING

* MUSIC FOR LEAVING

Tidings of Joy

Ms. Alice

J. S. Bach

Whenever you see the *, stand up if you can.

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God by Linda Chadwick in memory of her father on the 100th anniversary of his birth.