

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Distler Sanctuary Choir

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

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word, that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 1

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr. I. Revelation: Book of Hope

THE RESPONSE

\* HYMN 431 ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John Choir: stanza 1 ALL: stanzas 2-3

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith 10.5

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, focus our eyes on the One who promised to be with us always, the One closer than our hands or feet, nearer than our own breathing, the One in whom we live and move and have our being, the One who is present wherever two or three are gathered in his name, the One who calls us to serve the least and seek the lost, the One who says, "I will come again." Amen.

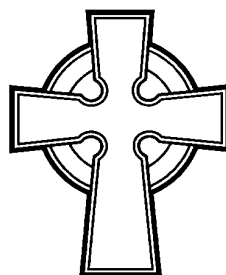
THE SENDING

\* HYMN 142 CORONATION All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



There will be a Congregational Meeting today at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect five elders to the Class of 2013 and one elder to fill an unexpired term of elder for the Class of 2012.

WORSHIP NOTES

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries 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

- + Jim Murdock, friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade—pancreatic cancer
+ Jan Coulon—cancer treatment
+ Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell—cancer
+ Kurt Hester—home
+ Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford—cancer
+ Danny Moore, friend of Alissa Smith—cancer treatment
+ Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy
+ Jeannie Liem—home, dialysis
+ Paul DeConinck—home hospice care.
+ Charles Ardis—home
+ Brennan Simkins—bone marrow transplant
+ Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida
+ Roger Gossage—home
+ Helen and George Stamps—home
+ Margaret Wallace—home
+ Jackie Burns, 1st cousin of Carol McGiboney—mass in lungs
+ Kathryn Wallace—home
+ Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, received a double lung transplant
Covington Square
+ Rita Harrell
+ Joy Knight
Nursing Homes:
+ John Cannon, Merryvale
+ Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor
+ Hal and Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
+ Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
+ Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
Military:
+ David and Savannah Rickert
+ Mike Laib
+ John Rossi
+ Renee Boston
+ Charles Bailey
We extend our prayers and sympathy for Maria Serrato and her family on the death of her sister, Aurora Acevez Cruz.
The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ruth McDaniel.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 10
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Congregational Meeting
12:15 Session Meeting
3:00 Kickball and Cookout

Monday, October 4
7:00 Handbells for Fun

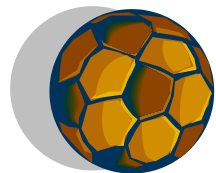
Tuesday, October 6
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 7
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-week Feast
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 8
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, October 17
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

## Activities in the Life of the Church



### Kickball and Cookout

Today at 3:00 PM

Join the Youth Connection and Young Adults Fellowship for a spirited game of kickball at Baker Field (across from the Police Department) followed by a cookout at the church. Children of all ages are welcome to come and play with us!

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

**Mid-Week Feast** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: Soup, pimento cheese and turkey sandwiches, and salad. 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: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

**Prayer Requests** may be made by filling out the yellow cards in the pew racks and placing them in the offering plate or in the box on the table in the narthex. The Prayer Group meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parlor. You are invited to join us.

**DVD Lecture Series** Wednesdays after the Mid-Week Feast at 6:45 p.m. The series will continue with the study of Islam: "The Muslim Community-Faith and Politics." Join the class and the lively discussion which follows each lecture.

**Silver Saints Lunch Bunch Fall Get Together** The above 55 age group, church members and Ambassador Choir folks, will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall for lunch. The main course and beverage will be provided. Please notify Jean Elder at 770-787-7951 or the church office at 770-786-7321, if you plan to attend and if you will bring a dessert to share. This provides a guideline for food preparation and set-up.

#### Third Quarter Statements of Giving

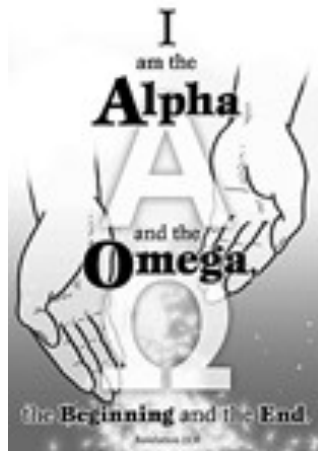
The 3rd quarter statements are available in the narthex for those who have made a written pledge for church operations. If you find a mistake or omission in your statement, please call or email Peni Haug in the church office so the mistake can be corrected. Thank you!

#### Montreat Retreat

There is 1 room left for anyone wishing to go on the Montreat Congregational Retreat, November 5-7. We do have to confirm our room numbers by Monday, October 11, so please call or email Peni in church office by tomorrow.

### 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 or e-mail:  
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 djwalden@mac.com  
 penihaug@bellsouth.net  
 Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
 Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street,  
 Covington, Georgia 30014.



#### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

##### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Andrea Heisel  
Gregory Family

##### Next week:

Ardis Family  
Jessup Family

##### Hosts: Jerry Gunter

##### Ushers:

Bill Loeble, chair  
Jodie Walden  
Jim & Jean Elder

##### Sound System:

Rick Gunter

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

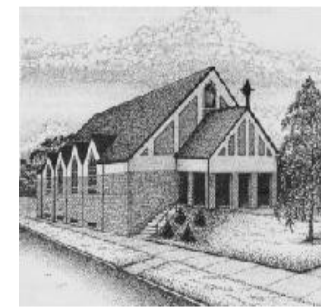
**Class of 2010**  
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

**Class of 2011**  
Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

**Class of 2012**  
Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Warren Liem

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia  
October 10, 2010

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Order of Worship THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE Revelation 1:3

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 4:8, 11

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

**Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power!**

For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

\* HYMN 138 NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION Revelation 3:19-20

"I reprove and discipline those whom I love," says the Lord. "Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHORAL RESPONSE Ziegenhals

*O Sing to the Lord*  
Children's Choir