

Christ, who loved the world and gave yourself for it, who redeemed our lives from the pits, and called us into faithful discipleship, we have often lost our way; preoccupied with our own concerns, we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves...

(silence)

God, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, who have come among us to give us your gifts and to fill us with power for new life, we have slipped into old patterns; we have let the world overcome us again...

(silence)

Spirit, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AZMON

Hymn 466, stanza 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

According to John's gospel, after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples who were huddled in fear behind closed doors. He said to them: "Peace be with you." For generations, disciples of Jesus have offered Christ's peace to one another in worship. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM *God of Great and God of Small* Sleeth

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong. Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, we praise Your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, we praise Your name.

God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right. God of Heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore. Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord we praise Your name. Alleluia!

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 Revelation 1:1-10, 19-20;
3:19-22

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

II. Revelation: The Church

THE RESPONSE

* HYMN 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* 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

CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Haugen
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Here I Am, Lord* John Cart

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 229, stanza 1 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING

* HYMN 155

DARWALL'S 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God of Great and God of Small
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* POSTLUDE *Allegro from Concerto in D* Samuel Wesley

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries and Carrie Bowers are 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

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| † Yvonne Shepherd, sister of Patrick Carmichael-major surgery (Florida) | † Jackie Burns, 1st cousin of Carol McGiboney-mass in lungs |
| † Rick Gunter's brother-ICU in San Antonio, Texas | † Kathryn Wallace-home |
| † Wayne Scarborough-home after surgery | † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, received a double lung transplant |
| † Mac Cranford-home after surgery | Covington Square |
| † Jim Murdock, friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade—pancreatic cancer | † Rita Harrell |
| † Jan Coulon-cancer treatment | † Joy Knight |
| † Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer | Nursing Homes: |
| † Kurt Hester-home | † John Cannon, Merryvale |
| † Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer | † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor |
| † Danny Moore, friend of Alissa Smith-cancer treatment | † Hal and Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers |
| † Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center |
| † Jeannie Liem-Rockdale Medical Center | † Gretchen Buendia - Park-wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care | Military: |
| † Charles Ardis—home | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| † Brennan Simkins—bone marrow transplant | † Mike Laib |
| † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida | † John Rossi |
| † Helen and George Stamps—home | † Renee Boston |
| † Margaret Wallace—home | † Charles Bailey |
- We extend our sympathy and prayers for Janet Carmichael and her family at the death of her nephew, Orin Jardine, in Surinam.*
- The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 17

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No Youth Connection (Fall Break)

Monday, October 18

7:00 Handbells for Fun

Tuesday, October 19

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 20

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

Thursday, October 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, October 24

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5-7:00 Youth Connection

Activities in the Life of the Church

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: hamburgers, Hot dogs, chili dogs, baked beans, chips and cole slaw. 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.

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: "Paths to God—Islamic Law and Mysticism." Join the class and the lively discussion which follows each lecture.

Third Quarter Statements of Giving

The 3rd quarter statements are available in the narthex for those who have made a written pledge. 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!

SPECIAL MID-WEEK FEAST –OCTOBER 27 Nicaragua Night

Let the Witness Committee take you on a special trip to Nicaragua. See the wonderful displays from their culture. Enjoy the local foods of baked chicken, fruit, beans and rice, with the special taste of one of their local desserts. After dinner, we will get to hear the stories of the mission trip that took Judy Davis to this Central American country, about their people, about their needs and about their faith. Our young children especially will appreciate and enjoy her interaction with their counterparts in this far-away place.

All this begins on October 27th with dinner being served at 6:00 P.M. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Dinner is \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for children. We are expecting a larger than normal gathering, so please make reservations by completing a "ticket" in the church pew or by calling the church office. (The DVD Series will not be meeting that night so that they can also enjoy the program.)

Montreat Retreat—Final Payment Due

"Invoices" for the final payment for the retreat were mailed last Wednesday. Please have your last payment in the church office by next Sunday. You may put it in the offering plate if it is clearly marked: "Montreat Retreat," so that it will be recorded correctly. Thanks for your cooperation!

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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 Website: www.fpccov.org
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 Covington, Georgia 30014.

A Matter of Security

Monitoring the use of church facilities is an on-going responsibility of the Facilities and Equipment Team. Occasionally we find exterior doors that have been left unlocked or ajar after church or an event. Unfortunately some of the doors do not always close and lock automatically. The basic policy is that all exterior doors, excluding the office wing, be kept locked at all times, except when events are taking place. The person in charge of the event should assume responsibility for seeing that the doors are locked. Everyone is asked to make sure that the door from which you exit is locked and secure except for the above exclusions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Ardis Family
 Jessup Family

Next week:
 Jodi Walden
 Moss Family

Host: Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Stephanie Scarborough
 & Eleanor Scarborough, chair
 Joe Cannelongo

Sound System:
 Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

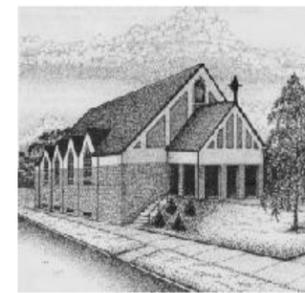
Class of 2010
 Stephanie Fortson
 Ruth McDaniel
 Jonathan Miller
 Pam Stillerman
 Gene Wallace

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>	Alice Walker Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Deana Graham	<i>Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Carrie Bowers	<i>Seminary Intern</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
 October 17, 2010

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Minor* J.S. Bach
Air Gerre Hancock

INTROIT *Gracious Spirit* arr. Hawn
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 1:20-23
 Revelation 5:13

God raised Christ from the dead and made him sit at the right hand of God in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!

* HYMN 143 DIADEM
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, who breathed life into the dust and brought us into being, we have not lived as if you were God; we often have given our lives to lesser things...

(silence)

God, have mercy.