

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hope in the Lord! For with God there is steadfast love; with God is great power to redeem.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ALLELUIA NO. 1
Hymn 106, refrain
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Philippians 4:7
The peace of God that surpasses all our understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Parker/Shaw
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

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-5

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
IV. Revelation: The New Heaven and New Earth

THE RESPONSE

* HYMN 453 MORNING SONG
O Holy City, Seen of John

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A WORD ABOUT CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Frank Luton

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY David Cherwien
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you never fail to give us each day all that we ever need, and even more. Give us such joy in living and such peace in serving Christ, that we may gratefully make use of all your blessings, and joyfully seek our risen Lord in everyone we meet. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

* HYMN 442 (stanzas 3-5) AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation

* CHARGE AND BLESSING Revelation 22:20-21

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

arr. Parker/Shaw

A Mighty Fortress
Sanctuary Choir

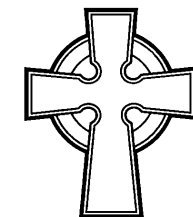
* POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Michael Burkhardt

WORSHIP NOTES

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

† Leslie Henderson, Eric Henderson's mother-cancer	Covington Square
† Buster Chadwick-knee replacement	† Rita Harrell
† Donovan Mumpower-flu, home	† Joy Knight
† Yvonne Shepherd, sister of Patrick Carmichael-major surgery	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Dan Gunter, Rick Gunter's-brother-home	† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor
† Jim Murdock, friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade—pancreatic cancer	† Hal and Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Jan Coulon-cancer treatment	† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
† Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer	† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Kurt Hester-home	† Helen and George Stamps—Benton House
† Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer	Military:
† Danny Moore, friend of Alissa Smith-cancer treatment	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy	† Mike Laib
† Jeannie Liem-home, dialysis	† John Rossi
† Charles Ardis—home	† Renee Boston
† Brennan Simkins—bone marrow transplant	† Charles Bailey
† Courteney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida	<i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for David and Jim Stillerman in the death of their aunt, Carolyn Stillerman; to Patti Lanford in the death of her father, Todd Morgan, and to Joe Cannelongo in the death of his sister, Kate Fama.</i>
† Jackie Burns, 1st cousin of Carol McGiboney-mass in lungs	<i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.</i>
† John Cannon—hip surgery and rehab in Madison	



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.

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.

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: chili, chili dogs, sandwiches, cornbread and chips. 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.

DVD Lecture Series meets on Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., after the Mid-week Feast. The group is currently studying different religions, the first of which is Islam. This week's lesson is: "The Contemporary Resurgence of Islam."

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 31

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
1—4:00 Youth Lunch, Rake & Run

Monday, November 1

7:00 Handbells for Fun

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day—Vote
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 3

4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-week Feast
6:45 DVD Series Study Group
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 4

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Friday-Sunday Montreat Retreat

Set Clocks Back One Hour on Saturday before bedtime.

Sunday, November 7

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle I 11/2, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-4932—bring your Bible and your study book.

Circle II 11/2, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246

Circle III 11/9, 7:00 p.m. Youth Room at the church, hostess, Karen Laib, 770-860-1479

Circle IV 11/2, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Day Kennon, 770-786-0443

Circle V 11/18, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Angie Houck, 404-771-3634

Circle VI 11/2, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tootles Tingler, 770-786-5591

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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Montreat Retreat—Final Payment Overdue

"Invoices" for the final payment for the retreat were mailed October 13th. Please have your last payment in the church office now. We need it to pay our final payment before the retreat. 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!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Luton Family
Bates Family

Next week:
Loeble Family

Hosts: Chris & Barbara Martin

Ushers:

Bernice & Betty Bailey, chair
Leon Hughes

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

Pastor

Parish Associate

Dan Walden
Carrie Bowers

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Intern Pastor

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

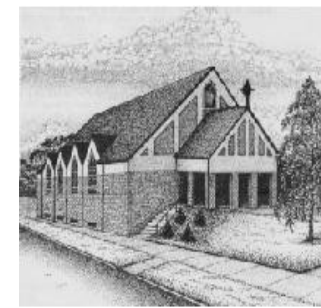
Alice Walker

Music Director
CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato

Nursery
Deana Graham
Director of the
Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

October 31, 2010

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach
Allegretto in D Major Jean Phillippe Rameau

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *How Lovely, Lord* arr. Hopson
Children's Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:10-13

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established, it shall never be moved;
he will judge the people with equity."

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it, let the field
exult and everything in it!**

Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the
Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness.

And the people with his truth.

* HYMN 442 (stanzas 1 & 2) AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION from Psalm 130

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our voices.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our
supplications.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who
could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you
may be revered.**

So, hear us, as we call to you confessing who we have
been, and seeking your help for who we yet can be.