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Cantor sings

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. arr. Haugen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Psalm 51

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall show forth your praise.

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

* **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.

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM arr. Stephenson
I've Got the Joy Down in My Heart
Handbell Choir
Dan Walden, percussion

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 6:7-13; 7:7-12
James 5:16-18

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
What Do We Pray?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 390** ST. STEPHEN
O Savior, in This Quiet Place

* **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 loves, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CONVERSE
Hymn 403, stanza 1
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Where'er You Walk* G. F. Handel

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Book of Common Worship PC (USA)

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 535** TALLIS' CANON
Go with Us, Lord
(sing twice)

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Philippians 4:4-7

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *For Yours is the Kingdom* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* **POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

There will be a Congregational Meeting, if the way be clear, on Sunday, September 26, 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 elders to the class of 2013.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is helping to lead 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

- † Brock Williams, grandchild of Doug and Sherri Bolton
 - † Jan Coulon-surgery
 - † Joyce Ashworth-surgery
 - † Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer
 - † Kurt Hester-recovering from auto accident
 - † John McCarthy-home
 - † Billy Wade's sister, Frances Crozier, home
 - † Diane Loebble-to have surgery
 - † Jeannie Liem-home
 - † Ken Walker—home
 - † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care.
 - † Doug Houck's sister—home recovering from surgery
 - † Charles Ardis—home
 - † Danny Vining - chemotherapy
 - † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida
 - † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting 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 - Park-wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- Military:**
† David and Savannah Rickert
† Mike Laib
† John Rossi
† Renee Boston
- We celebrate with David & Carol Stillerman on the birth of another granddaughter, Emma Christine Stillerman, who was born on September 5.*
The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Linda Boyd.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to Thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come; knowing that Thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Book of Common Prayer
The Episcopal Church (USA)

THIS WEEK AT FPC

- Sunday, September 12**
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
6:00 Youth Connection
- Monday, September 13**
7:00 Handbells for Fun
- Tuesday, September 14**
Circle Meetings—see announcement section
4:00 Exercise Class
- Wednesday, September 15**
4:00 Adventure Club
- 6:00 Mid-week Feast
6:45 DVD Study Group
7:00 Sanctuary Choir
- Thursday, September 16**
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group
- Sunday, September 19**
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Seminary Appreciation Sunday
Beth Johnson, preacher
6:00 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: meatloaf, creamed potatoes, turnip greens, corn and fried chicken. 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. This year's series will focus on five of the World's Great Religions. "Muhammad - Prophet and Statesman." Join the class and the lively discussion which follows each lecture.

Presbyterian Women's September Circle Meetings



Circle 1: Tues. Sept. 14, at 10:00. Ann Bouchillon's home

Circle 2: Tues. Sept. 14 at 10:00. Bettie Miller's home

Circle 3: Tues. Sept 14 at 7:00 p.m. Barb Johnson's home

Circle 4: Tues. Sept 14 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

The Fifth Wheel: Thurs. Sept. 23, at 7:30. Location TBA

Circle 6: Tues. Sept 14 at 7:00. Judy Hooten's home

Prayer Retreat: On Saturday, September 25, **you are invited** to join members of The Prayer Group on a **morning retreat to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers.** We will be reading Scriptures, discussing our understanding of prayer and offering our prayers for ourselves, one another, the Church and the world. We also will have a conversation with Lu Harkey, author of the book, *Prisms of Life*, and wife of a Presbyterian minister. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with lunch at noon.

Please mark your calendar for September 15th and join us for **Presbyterian Homes' first Online Auction on eBay Giving Works**, September 15th through 30th. Your chance to have the winning bid on trips, art, jewelry, memorabilia, and services is just a click away! How much would you bid to get a New York shopping spree with a personal shopper, three night hotel stay, and two airline tickets? How much are two 2011 Masters Golf Tournament Badges worth? Have you always wanted an oil painting of your beloved pet? Want to get a deal on a Wii interactive game system or a Judith Ripka ring? There will be over 50 items in our auction. ...next column

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: wbwade@bellsouth.net djwalden@mac.com penihaug@bellsouth.net
Website: www.fpccov.org
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

Presbyterian Homes continued...

There will be something for everyone! Remember to go online beginning **September 15th**, then **log onto eBay.com using this link:** http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=37554 to view the items that are being offered. Items will change during the two weeks that the site is active, so visit often and bid! If you don't have the link handy, just go to eBay's Giving Works site and type in: **Presbyterian Homes of Georgia**, to link to our site. (Before you shop, you will also need to register to establish an eBay account if you do not already have one.)

This is a great opportunity to support the *Caring Hands Fund* that helps Presbyterian Homes of Georgia keep the promise that in over 60 years of service no resident has had to leave the home they have made with us because they have outlived their financial resources. All proceeds from the auction benefit *The Caring Hands Fund*. You can also help by e-mailing your friends and posting this announcement on your Facebook page. See the weekly e-newsletter on Tuesday to copy and paste the announcement to your e-mail. Indicate so by reply email. I will send you a reminder email on September 14th along with a list of the items posted. It's going to be fantastic!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Host: Jerry Gunter

Ushers:
Jon & Jane Williams, chair
Sam & Sambo Hay

Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

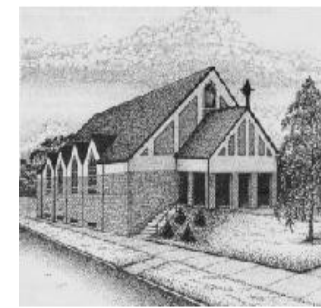
Class of 2010
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

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

William B. Wade, Jr. *Pastor*
Louly Fowler Hay *Parish Associate*
Dan Walden *Director of Youth and Children's Ministry*
Peni Haug *Secretary-Treasurer*
Alan Bunn *Music Director*

Alice Walker *CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir*
Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato *Nursery*
Deana Graham *Director of the Early Learning Center*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
September 12, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON
Andante Religioso Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

SILENCE

INTROIT *Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit* arr. Potter
Children's Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord;
the Lord inclined to me and heard my cry.
**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

* HYMN 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
Children's Choir will sing the brief refrain
"To God All Praise and Glory!" after each stanza

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 51

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out
my transgressions.**

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

silence

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse
me from my sin. For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my
fears, from death into life.**

silence

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**