

✦HYMN 88

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as Jesus journeys toward trial and crucifixion, we follow behind, far behind. We witness his sovereignty and serenity as he faces the powers of evil and death, and marvel at his glorious triumph over those powers. Dear God, be with us during our times of trial. Forgive us when we fail the tests before us. Strengthen us in our faith and preserve us in our witness to you before the world. Give us some of Christ's serenity and strength in the face of temptation; for we pray in his precious name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Hymn 92, stanza 2

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me: and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FESTAL SONG

Hymn 411, stanza 1

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who heralds peace, who brings tidings of goodness, who proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "Your God reigns."

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Bedford

Children's Choir and 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

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak

to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

William B. Wade Jr.

IV. The Apostles' Creed: Suffered, Crucified, Dead and Buried.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 76 My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

✦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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

The Holy City

Adams

Janet Carmichael, soprano Alice Walker, piano

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 366 vs. 1

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord, we give thanks that you have entered our lives. Hear our shouts of praise, accept our tributes, and remember us in our weakness. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALLY WALLY

Sanctuary Choir

✦POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended Johannes Brahms

Alice Walker, organ

✦Please stand, if you are able.

Community Holy Week Services this year are being hosted by First Baptist Church, April 2-6. Worship services are about 30 minutes, followed by lunch. Pastors from local churches will be preaching:

Monday, 4/2 Doug Gilreath, First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, 4/3 Billy Wade, First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, 4/4 Brandon Stanley

Thursday, 4/5 Eric Lee, Springfield Baptist

Friday, 4/6 Rob Raynor, LakePoint Community Church.

Mr. Wade will preach on Tuesday and our Ambassador Choir will provide the music.

Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service today.
* We welcome to our service this morning Mr. Bill Cobham, trombonist. Mr. Cobham has played for many years with the Perimeter College Brass Ensemble and is a member of the Covington Community Orchestra. He also sings tenor in the Ambassador Choir.
* 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

- †Jean Rogers -Theodosia Wade's Mother—Piedmont
†Betty Bailey—surgery, home
†Betty Robinson's great-granddaughter —home
†Jean Oldham—home
†Roger Gossage—home
†Janet Carmichael—surgery, home
†Barbara Weesner—hip replacement surgery (Chris Weesner's mother)
†John Rhea—home (Rebecca Bates' brother-in-law)
†Doris Hicks—home
†Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant
†Velma Prescott—stroke, home
†Brenda Howell—foot surgery, home
†Anita Johnson—surgery, home
†Claude Bennett—rehabilitation, Snellville (Milton Patton's friend)
†David Humphrey—liver cancer, home (Milton Patton's friend)
†Danny Vining—home, auto accident
†Chris Weesner—home
†Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover—
waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
Covington Square
†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
†Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
†Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
Benton House
†Helen and George Stamps
†Mary Crudup
†Doris Mote
Military:
†Savannah (Cannon) Knudson
†Mike Laib
Out of the Country
†Lauren Moon—India
†Hannah Moon—India
†Liz Stillerman—Israel
†Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
Hospital Visitor: Ann Bouchillon

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

A Knitting Group meets to make prayer shawls for members of our church community. The group will meet in the Youth Lounge the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a pair of 11 or 13 knitting needles and 3 skeins of Homespun Yarn. The yarn is available at Michael's and similar stores. If you need further information, call Linda Boyd at 770-833-4942.

Mats for Homeless: Crochet members and friends will meet with the Knitters on Tuesday, April 10th at 2:00pm to learn how to crochet strips of plastic bags for mats. Bring your 8mm crochet hook. A video will be shown on how to make these plus Linda Chadwick will be on hand to help teach.

There will be no Mid-Week feast this week. We will resume the following Wednesday, April 11.

The Wednesday Night Study Group meets at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast. The Wednesday evening DVD study group has completed its study of The Old Testament by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Join them for a short 8 week study of "The Great World Religions: Christianity" by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory's Candler School of Theology. The topics will consider fundamental issues including Christianity's birth and expansion across the Mediterranean world, the development of its core doctrine, and its deep connections to Western culture. These lectures will take them through to the end of this year's Mid Week Feast calendar. The study group meets in the Parlor following dinner.

Throughout the Lent and Easter seasons, Mr. Wade will be preaching *The Apostles' Creed*:

April 1	Palm Sunday - Suffered, Crucified, Dead & Buried
April 8	Easter - On The Third Day
April 15	Guest Speaker—Callie Weber Preaching
April 22	He Descended into Hell
April 29	Youth Sunday
May 6	He Ascended into Heaven
May 13	I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry Needs for April : chicken soups, such as chicken with rice, chicken noodle, and cream of chicken. Please place your donations in the containers in the narthex or elsewhere in the building.

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, April 1 Palm Sunday 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesday, April 3 10:00 Circle I home of Ann Bouchillon 10:00 Circle II Jubilee Classroom 11:15 Circle IV meets to attend FBC 4:00 Exercise Class 7:00 Circle III Youth Lounge 7:00 Circle VI Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, April 4 6:45 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, April 5 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group, Sanctuary</p>	<p>7:00 Maundy Thursday service</p> <p>Friday, April 6 11:00-2:00 Sanctuary open for Good Friday Day of Prayer</p> <p>Saturday, April 7 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt at home of Sam and Loucy Hay</p> <p>Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunday 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Save the date for Vacation Bible School: July 9-13</p>
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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.

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Good Friday Day of Prayer: If you wish to submit a prayer request for this day of prayer, you may go online to submit a request to: OurPrayerGoodFriday.org. The sanctuary at FPC will be open on Good Friday, April 1, from 11:00 am. to 2:00 p.m. for prayer.

The **Presbyterian Women** will honor "Our Greatest Generation" (those 80 years of age or older) with a luncheon on April 22, 2012. Save the date and enjoy a delicious meal and lots of fun. The festivities will begin immediately after church. Transportation will be provided. If you are to be one of the "80 years of age and older" honorees, we need to take your picture this Sunday or next. Please look for Jean Wolverton or Carol Dunbar in the Narthex to have your picture taken.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers

Today:

Hawley Family
Loeble Family

Next Week:

Karen Laib
Weesner Family

Ushers:

Roger & Tootles Tingler
Kevin & Rebecca Bates

Hosts:

Jonathan & Lynn Miller

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**April 1, 2012
Palm / Passion Sunday**

Hosanna!
HOSANNA!
Hosanna!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Hosanna

Michael Burkhardt
Jaromir Weinberger

Alice Walker, organ

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

INTROIT

Blessed Is He Who Comes
Children's Choir

Albrecht

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 61:1-3; Mark 11: 9-10

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring
good tidings to the afflicted;
he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...
to grant to those who mourn in Zion -
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit...

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!