

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Resurrection Dance* Schulz-Widmar  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs  
Handbell Ensemble

*Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, our song is worth a hearing. We tell how grief has ended woe and fear has finished fearing. The pain that lasted for a day has brought eternal cheering. Was ever battle won like this - where He that lost was gaining; And He that fell was triumphing, and He that died was reigning; and He that held the Reed of Scorn a Sceptre was obtaining? The winner then had such a fall as crushed him down forever; the wise was taken in his craft, the strong in his endeavor; and He, the Slain, was Victor still, and he that slew Him never! Give ear, give ear, good Christians all, the riddle is expounded; from north to south, from east to west its meaning shall be sounded: On Easter Day was won the fight and Life has Death confounded!*

## 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 27:45-50  
I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*VI. The Apostles' Creed: He Descended into Hell*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

✦ 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 *Draw Us to You* ACH GOTT UND HERR

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 332, stanza 4 TRURO  
***Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.***

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory; for we pray in his holy name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

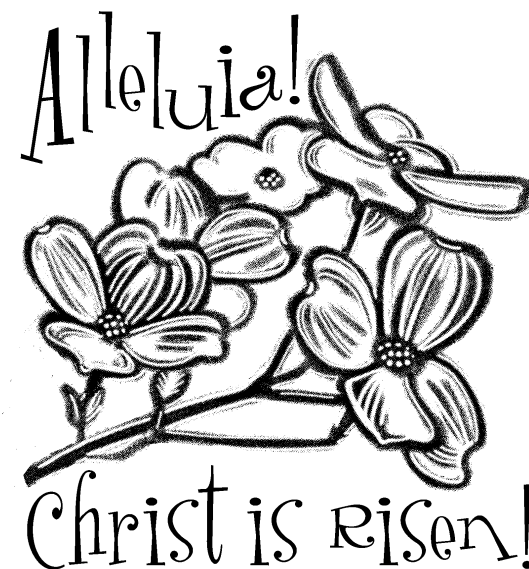
✦ HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Michael O'Shields  
*Oh, the Lord Liveth*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *Draw Us to You* ACH GOTT UND HERR

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



## Worship Notes

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service today.
- \* 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

†Brad Phillips' mother—home  
†Jean Rogers—The Jewish Home, rehab (Theodosia Wade's mother)  
†Donnie Vining—Scottish Rite (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Brandon Massey—Scottish Rite (grandson of Sherry and Chuck Brasher)  
†Leon Hughes—home after neck surgery  
†Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant  
†Claude Bennett—rehabilitation, Snellville (Milton Patton's friend)  
†David Humphrey—liver cancer, home (Milton Patton's friend)  
†Chris Weesner—home  
†Barbara Weesner—mother of Chris Weesner; Newton Medical  
†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—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)  
†Julie Monroe—friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson; heart transplant

**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)

*We celebrate the birth of Wesley Ryan Garvin, son of Bonnie and Matt Garvin and brother to Will, Zach, and Tyler. Wes was born on Thursday, April 19th at Rockdale Medical Center.*

**Hospital Visitor:** Bob & Darcel Tabb



Earth Day April 22, 2012

**The Covington-Conyers Community Orchestra's free Spring Concert will be today, at 7:00 p.m.** at Salem United Methodist Church, 3962 Salem Road, Covington. Bill Cobham, a member of our Ambassador Choir and recent trombone accompanist in our services, will be participating in this eclectic performance which should appeal to many musical tastes.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

The **Presbyterian Women** will honor “**Our Greatest Generation**” (those 80 years of age or older) with a luncheon today. The festivities will begin immediately after church.

**Mid-Week Feast** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: chicken pot pie, tossed salad and rolls. 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.

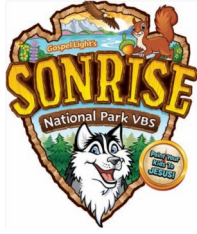
The **Wednesday Night Study Group** meets at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast. They are currently studying “The Great World Religions: Christianity” by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory’s Candler School of Theology. These lectures will take them through to the end of this year’s Mid-Week 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 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.

The **waffle-weave tablecloths** from the Fellowship Hall are still missing. Please let the church office know if you have any knowledge of their whereabouts.

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p><b>Sunday, April 22</b>                      9:00 Handbell Rehearsal                      9:30 Children’s Choir                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship Service                      12:00 “Our Greatest Generation” Luncheon—Fellowship Hall                      2:00-3:30 Celebration honoring Rosalee Thompson                      5:00 Youth Connection</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 26</b>                      10:30 Ambassador Choir                      4:30 Prayer Group, Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 29</b>                      9:00 Handbell Rehearsal                      9:30 Children’s Choir                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship Service –Youth Sunday                      5:00 Youth Connection</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 24</b>                      2:00 Knitting Group                      4:00 Exercise Class</p>	<p>Save the date for <b>Vacation Bible School</b>: July 9-13</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday, April 25</b>                      4:00 Adventure Club                      6:00 Mid-week Feast                      6:45 Choir Rehearsal                      6:45 DVD Study Group</p>	

**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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 Covington, Georgia 30014

*You are invited to a  
 Celebration for  
 Rosalee Thompson  
 honoring her for twenty-five years of service  
 to the Community Food Pantry  
 Sunday, April 22, 2012  
 2:00—3:30 pm  
 Faith Works Office  
 Turner Lake Circle*

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

<p><b>Nursery Volunteers Today:</b>                      Andrea Heisel</p>	<p><b>Ushers:</b>                      Gregory Family                      Hooten Family</p>
<p><b>Next Week:</b>                      Jessup Family                      Ardis Family</p>	<p><b>Hosts:</b>                      Jonathan and Lynn Miller</p>
<p><b>Sound System:</b>                      Ken Walker</p>	

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

<p><b>Class of 2012</b>                      Bernice Bailey                      Rebecca Bates                      Mac Cranford                      Judy Hooten                      Day Kennon</p>	<p><b>Class of 2013</b>                      Patrick Carmichael                      Judy Davis                      Denny Dobbs                      Aubrey Evans                      Dave Gregory</p>	<p><b>Class of 2014</b>                      Debra Arnold                      Bill Loeble                      Roger Tingler                      Cy Wolverton</p>
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**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 22, 2012  
 Third Sunday of Easter**

*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

- PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Michael Burkhardt
- Our Savior Reigns Eternal* Edwin T. Childs
- INTROIT *I Will Call Upon the Lord* Michael O’Shields
- Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs
- ✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 30
- The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing.  
 The Lord has loosed our sackcloth and girded us with gladness,  
 that our souls may give praise and not be silent.  
**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you for ever.**

✦HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION Hebrews 4:14-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Great and merciful God, hear us as we pray. We have been told the Good News, but often we have not heard it. Christ has been among us, but we have failed to recognize him. We have trusted in our own plans and despaired in the results. We have hoped for too little and been unable to see the future you have made for us. Forgive us. Open our ears and our eyes, and make our hearts burn with the remembrance of your Word: through Christ our Lord.**  
*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
 ✦DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE John 14:27  
 Jesus said, “Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.  
 Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS