

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 356 NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!*

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### ANTHEM Halloran/Bolks

*Witness*  
Sanctuary Choir

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees; his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson; from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went a-wandering about; Samson's strength was never found out, 'Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Well, old Samson's wife, she talk so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand and my strength will become like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

#### 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 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Clean Hands*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- \* HYMN 392 HALL  
*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IX.3*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY ROYAL OAK  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

- \* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

- \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- \* HYMN 145 MARION  
*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Helelluyan* NATIVE AMERICAN  
Sanctuary Choir

- \* POSTLUDE Neil Harmon  
*O Worship the King*

## WORSHIP NOTES

- \*Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is 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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| <p>† Peter Mussarra - tests, father of Danielle Schubert<br/>† Danny Vining - radiation therapy<br/>† Kathryn Hunnicutt - Riverside<br/>† George Stamps - home<br/>† Mary Bollinger - rib injury, home<br/>† Sam Hay, III - home<br/>† Errol Milner - heart surgery, Joe and Lucy Morcock Milner's grandson (Day Kennon's sister)<br/>† Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis<br/>† Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother - home<br/>† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer<br/>† John Braden - heart transplant needed<br/><b>Covington Square</b><br/>† Rita Harrell and<br/>† Joy Knight<br/><b>Nursing Homes:</b><br/>† Sarah Chesnut and<br/>† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor<br/>† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers<br/>† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center<br/>† Hal Cline</p> | <p>† Russ Cole and<br/>† Lou Wolf - Riverside<br/>† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville<br/><b>Military:</b><br/>† David and Savannah Rickert<br/>† Mike Laib</p> <p><i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for Clarence Price whose brother, Tommy Price, has died; and for Jackie Barboe, whose brother, Ive Ridley, has died.</i></p> <p><i>Congratulations to John and Jeanne Cannon who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on 8/16. They want to share their joy with the congregation.</i></p> <p><i>The hospital team members who will be visiting people this week are Jim and Jean Elder.</i></p> |
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## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 30	Thursday, September 3
9:45 Sunday School	7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
11:00 Worship Service	10:30 Ambassador Choir
6:00 Parents and Youth Connection Meeting	<b>Sunday, September 6</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 1</b>	9:45 Sunday School
4:00 Exercise Class	11:00 Worship Service
<b>Wednesday, September 2</b>	Monday, September 7
4:00 Adventure Club	Office Closed
6:00 Mid-Week Feast	
6:30 Handbell Choir	
6:45 Study Series	
7:15 Sanctuary Choir	

### CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Go to [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org) for up-to-date information on what's happening in the life of the church.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**AN EXERCISE CLASS** meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

**MID-WEEK FEAST** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is: barbecue sandwiches, fried chicken, baked beans and cole slaw. Please fill out one of the reservation forms in the pew pocket and put it in the offering plate or call the church office by noon on Tuesday or make your reservations online at [www.fpccpv.org](http://www.fpccpv.org).

### Sunday School for Adults

Please join us for a special combined Sunday School class for adults in the fellowship hall for the next 3 Sundays. We will have a conversation about emotional health led by Tamela Turner (Pastoral Counselor), and Rebecca Bates (Certified Counselor). Following is the schedule of topics:

- "Healthy Families" - August 30th
- "Healthy Marriages" - September 6th
- "Healthy Parenting" - September 13th
- "Healthy Aging" - September 20th

### Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series.

This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "Pauline Eschatology."

Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast to learn more about the Christian church, its history, beliefs, and theology. It is guaranteed that these lectures will inform, educate, and inspire you.

### The Welcoming Committee invites everyone to wear a nametag.

During August you have a chance to be rewarded for wearing your nametag. Wednesday night dinner will be provided to one nametag wearer and one guest each Sunday. All you have to do is wear your nametag and place it in the basket following the church service. A nametag will be pulled and the winner is announced the following Sunday. **Last Sunday Penny Blakeney was the winner for this week's free dinners.** If you don't have a nametag call or e-mail Peni at 770-786-7321 or at [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net).

### New Visitation Program Begins in September

A new homebound visitation program will begin in September. Volunteer visitors will be assigned a homebound person for one month. During the month the volunteer will either visit, call, or send a card each week. We hope to build a pool of visitors large enough to require a commitment of no more than two months. We encourage you to sign up as a family. Children can establish a life-time habit of ministering from beginning to visit with their families. And of course the homebound love seeing the children. Please contact Linda Boyd at 770-787-3350 or [linda.h.boyd@comcast.net](mailto:linda.h.boyd@comcast.net) to volunteer.

**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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### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group now meets on Thursdays, 11:30-12:00 p.m. If you have prayer requests, please write them down and place them in the wooden prayer box on the narthex table. If you would like to be a part of the prayer group, please talk with Grace Ottley or Alice Walker.

**Sept. 12--10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Coffee in the Fellowship Hall. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Bates Family  
Skaggs Family

#### Next week:

Loeble Family  
Willis Family

#### Hosts:

Chris & Barbara Martin

#### Ushers:

Diane & Bill Loeble  
Gene Wallace  
Shaun Evans

#### Sound System

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

#### Class of 2009

Doug Bolton  
Elizabeth Daniell  
Terri Digby  
Lane Dobbs  
Barbara Johnson  
Bill Loeble  
Cy Wolverton

#### Class of 2010

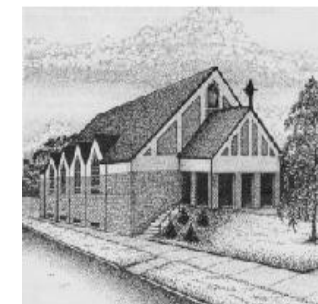
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

#### Class of 2011

Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

### CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly F. Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Alan Bunn <i>Choir Director</i> Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO, Organist &amp; Ambassador Choir</i> Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Deana Graham <i>Director, ELC</i>	
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia  
Order of Worship  
August 30, 2009  
Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE    *It Is Well with My Soul*    Dan Miller

INTROIT    *Dance for Joy*    Bell  
Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP    Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**For God has founded it upon the seas,  
and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who do not lift up their soul to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek God,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

\* HYMN    *Bless, O My Soul! The Living God*    PARK STREET  
(see insert)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess we have been poor students. We have listened to the words, but we have not learned the lessons. We have been slow to accept your truth, reluctant to interpret your truth to the lives we lead and to the issues of our world. Likewise, Lord, we confess that we have been poor teachers. We have been timid in telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love. We have frequently passed on only those portions of your truth that are comforting, while keeping silent on those portions that are demanding. Forgive us, we pray, O God, for our poor stewardship of the minds you have given us to use for your glory; for we pray in Jesus' name.  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

\* CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn 356    NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Melissa Daniell, soloist