

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:24-35

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Something of Vital Importance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING (see insert)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from the *Heidelberg Catechism*
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Dale Wood

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN
Hymn 428, stanza 1
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

CONGREGATIONAL REPOSE QUEBEC

Hymn 510, stanza 1
Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to heed Thy call.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

(Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.)

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 508 KINGDOM
For the Bread Which You Have Broken

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* South African

* POSTLUDE Roever/Kolb
Postlude on "Highland Cathedral"

Friendship Supper Club Kick-Off and Sign Up
Sunday, August 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
If you plan to participate this year, come sign up, share info and get the "scoop".
REALLY! There will be ice-cream!



WORSHIP NOTES

*Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, is assisting with worship.
*The Prayer of Dedication this morning is from *The Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
*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

† Crpl. Charles Bailey, grandson of Bernice Bailey, nephew of Betty Bailey - knee injury/surgery
† Dan Walden - surgery, home
† Betty Parker - surgery, home
† Spencer Boyd - home
† Errol Milner - heart surgery, Joe and Lucy Morcock Milner's grandson (Day Kennon's sister)
† Kathryn Wallace - fall, home
† Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis
† Ive Ridley, brother of Jackie Barboe - very ill
† Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother - home
† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer therapy
† John Braden - heart transplant needed

Assisted Living:

† Rita Harrell and
† Joy Knight -Covington Square

Nursing Homes:

† Sarah Chesnut and
† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor
† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
† Hal Cline
† Allene Burton,

† Russ Cole and
† Lou Wolf - Riverside
† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
Military:
† David and Savannah Rickert
† Mike Laib
† James Post (friend of Schubert family)

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Mary Bollinger.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Bettie Miller on the death of her sister.



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 9 Rally Day
Bring a Friend
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
12:00 Session Meeting
Tuesday, August 11
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 12
6:15 Handbell Choir
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 13
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 16
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
after church:
Young Adult Family Swim & Lunch

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

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.

The Welcoming Committee invites everyone

to wear a nametag. Beginning today, August 9, 2009, 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 name announced the following Sunday. Please check the nametag holders in the narthex to make sure you have one. You don't want to miss out on dinner for two. Let Peni Haug in the church office know if we have mistakenly not made a nametag for you. Peni can be reached at 770-786-7321 or at penihaug@bellsouth.net.

MONTREAT RETREAT registration forms (yellow) are available in the narthex. **We must make another payment before September 1. Please turn in your \$50 Registration fee now. An additional \$50 will be due on August 25.** Fill them out as instructed and return to the church office as soon as you are able.

Young Adult Lunch and Swim Party, Sunday, August 16th, at the home of Doug & Debra Arnold, 80 River Shoals Ct. Bring picnic lunch, chairs, towels, kids and friends. Join us for an afternoon of fun! The pool closes at 4:00 p.m.

Nominations for Elders

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider a slate of new elders to present to the congregation for its vote. They need your help. Please list the names of people you would like for them to consider. Drop the list in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.

Names to Consider:

**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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Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays, from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Handbell Rehearsals resume as follows: Wednesday, August 12- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Wednesday, August 19 and every Wednesday thereafter, 6:30 - 7:10 pm in the sanctuary.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

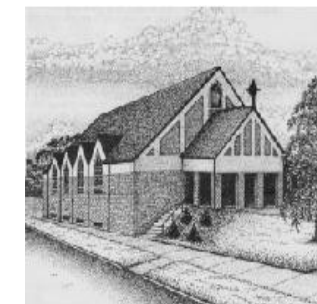
<p>Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery: Gregory Family Ardis Family</p> <p>Next week: Jessup Family Stephanie Scarborough</p>	<p>Host: Donna Weesner</p> <p>Ushers: Diane & Bill Loeble Gene Wallace Shaun Evans</p> <p>Sound System Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

<p>Class of 2009 Doug Bolton Elizabeth Daniell Terri Digby Lane Dobbs Barbara Johnson Bill Loeble Cy Wolverton</p>	<p>Class of 2010 Stephanie Fortson Ruth McDaniel Jonathan Miller Pam Stillerman Gene Wallace</p>	<p>Class of 2011 Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner</p>
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CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
Order of Worship
August 9, 2009
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Paul Karvonen

INTROIT Handbell Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and lean not on your own understanding.
**In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct your paths.**

* HYMN 138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Praise His Holy Name!* HAMPTON
Sanctuary Choir

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me; I once was lost,
but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise His Holy name!
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.
Let us praise His name, Hallelujah, Lord! Holy Jesus,
Praise His Name, Oh!
Praise His Holy Name, Praise His Name!
Oh, oh, Praise His Holy Name!*

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.