

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Diemer
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

Living God, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING II Timothy 4:1-5

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Furnishings of the Faith: The Pulpit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 327 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

* 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me!**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Speak in us and through us, gracious God, that we may be faithful witnesses to your grace and power, for the sake of the world you so love, through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN (insert) EVANGEL
Tell Me the Old, Old Story

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (insert)
When In Our Music God is Glorified ENGELBERG

* POSTLUDE Michael Burkhardt
The God of Abraham Praise

Grant, O Lord, that your holy Word preached in human words may be spoken in truth and bring forth faith, and that they who hear the preached Word may know what they are called to do, and may also have the grace and power given them to act faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This prayer was used at the pulpit during the Consecration of the Sanctuary on May 7, 1995.



The Session will meet today in the Martin Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service.

There will be a Congregational Meeting, if the way be clear, on Sunday, August 28th, at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of electing members to the Elder Nominating Committee and to vote on funding for a major expenditure.

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

†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
†Don Adams—back surgery
†Danny Jordan—Athens Regional (Carolyn Jordan's son)
†Sophia Hawley—home
†Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)
†Evelyn Underwood—Rockdale Medical (mother of Pam Stillerman)
†Clarence Price—at sister's home
†Johnny Burns, Emily Warren & Colleen Sheehan—home (relatives of Cathy Dobbs)
†Jeannie Liem—dialysis
†Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)
†Sandy Neisser—multiple leg surgeries over several weeks
†Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)
†Courteney 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
†Kate King
Military:
†Savannah Cannon
†Mike Laib
†John Rossi
†Renee Boston
†Charles Bailey

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Brenda Howell in the death of her mother, Robbie Lee Hayes.

Hospital Visitor: Mary Bollinger

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 21

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 23

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 24

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 25

9:00 Ambassador Choir with a sing-along and then lunch

Sunday, August 28

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Congregational Meeting
4:00 Parent's & Youth Meeting

Activities in the Life of the Church

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.

Newsletter Deadline If you have an announcement or an article for a church ministry, please turn it in to the church office by Monday, August 22. Please drop it off at the church or submit by email to: penihaug@bellsouth.net.

Adventure Club for children Pre-K through 5th grade meets on Wednesdays, at 4:00.

Reserve Your Space for the Montreat Retreat

We are taking reservations for the **Montreat Retreat** which will be held November 4-6. **We need a preliminary count to revise our reservation up or down by September 1.** Use the pink forms found in the narthex to make your reservation. Fill out the form and attach your deposit check to it, then turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. The next installment will be due by August 20, and the final payment will be due the week before the retreat.

Mid-Week Feast begins after Labor Day.

DVD Series begins after Labor Day.

In Appreciation

Thank you to the First Presbyterian Church family for the food, flowers, and cards sent to us following the loss of my brother, Dr. John B. Griffin. We appreciate your love, concern and prayers more than words can express. Alice Walker



The **Witness Team** is planning a mission trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 2-8. If you are interested in attending or finding out more about the trip, please call Patti Lanford at 770-490-3660 or Judy Davis at 770-464-4025 to get information. You may also fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate. Patti or Judy will call you.



Name _____ Phone _____

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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Community Food Pantry Needs for August:

toilet tissue and bar soap. You may bring your donations to the church and put them in the Food Pantry collection tubs or drop them at the Food Pantry Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the **Care and Counseling Center of Rockdale and Newton**, a resource to help with counseling needs. Call 404-636-1457 ext. 436, for an appointment, or ask the church staff for more information.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Loeble Family
Hawley Family

Next week:

Weesner Family
Karen Laib

Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Theodosia and Bryson Wade
Jon and Jane Williams

Sound System:

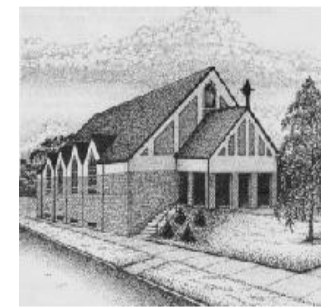
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Jean Blair	Bernice Bailey	Patrick Carmichael
Carol Dunbar	Rebecca Bates	Judy Davis
Rick Gunter	Day Kennon	Denny Dobbs
Jay Lanners	Mac Cranford	Aubrey Evans
Donna Weesner	Judy Hooten	Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

August 21, 2011
Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE
Prelude Everett Titcomb

INTROIT *Heaven and Earth* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-3
I will bless the Lord at all times.
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
Let the afflicted hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me!
Let us exalt God's name together!

* HYMN 461 ABBOT'S LEIGH
God is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS