

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS
 (Hymn 276, refrain)
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Gift of Finest Wheat* FINEST WHEAT
 Sanctuary Choir
 Lisa Bouchillon and Jon Paschal, solos

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 John 10:1-10
 Acts 2:42-47

SERMON The Rev. Larry Owens
Living Large in the Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 436 *We Are Your People* WHITFIELD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith
Christ calls us to live for our neighbors. Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Dale Wood
Just As I Am, Without One Plea

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING
 (Hymn 422, stanza 1)
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* 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 434 KINGSFOLD
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

* CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Charles Callahan
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Larry Owens is a long-time Presbyterian minister and Director of Annual Giving for Presbyterian Homes, one of the top-rated retirement communities in Georgia, providing care for more than 1,000 individuals and couples. Larry grew up in the wild country of Mississippi, earning a BA at one of the state's historic Presbyterian colleges. Upon completion of the M.Div. and M.C.E. degrees, he served four churches in Mississippi and Georgia. For more than 10 years he followed a dual career, pastoring small churches while he worked in corporate America, eventually becoming president of an Atlanta-based hotel company. During that time he also pursued post-graduate studies at Columbia Theological Seminary. Before joining Presbyterian Homes, he served as Director of Development for Thornwell Children's Home in Georgia.

WORSHIP NOTES

* The Prayer of Confession for today is from the Iona Community of Scotland.
 * 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

†Erika Krauth—home
 †Lauren Whatley—knee surgery
 †Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
 †Don Adams—back surgery
 †Danny Jordan—home (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
Military:
 †Savannah Cannon
 †Mike Laib
 †John Rossi
 †Renee Boston

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Kate King who died on Tuesday.

Hospital Visitor:
Ann Bouchillon

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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 Youth and Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, August 30
 4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, August 31
 4:00 Adventure Club
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, September 4
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
Monday, September 5
Labor Day
 Church Offices Closed

Activities in the Life of the Church

There will be a Congregational Meeting today 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.

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.

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

The DVD Lecture Series will begin on Wednesday, September 7, after the Mid-Week Feast. This year, we will be viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament," with lectures by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We would like to have a complement of at least 20 people attending, as this makes for very lively discussion and fellowship. Consider joining us for some scholarly lectures and discourse. Call Carol and Ellis Dunbar at (770) 787-2657 for further information.

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 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.

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 _____

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

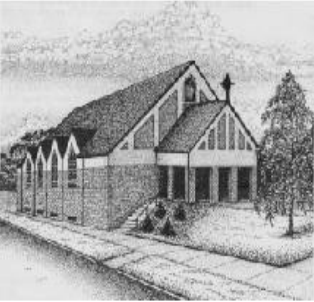
If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.
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Community Food Pantry Needs for August: toilet tissue and bar 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: Ann Bouchillon Trista Hooten-Young		Hosts: Lynn & Jonathan Miller
Next week: Nina Giles Arnold Family		Ushers: Theodosia and Bryson Wade Jon and Jane Williams
Sound System: Ken Walker		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION		
Class of 2011 Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner	Class of 2012 Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Day Kennon Mac Cranford Judy Hooten	Class of 2013 Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory
CHURCH STAFF		
William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler 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>Music Director</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>	



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Covington, Georgia
August 28, 2011
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE
Jesus, Lead Thou On Paul Manz

INTROIT
Go Down, Moses Spiritual
Children's Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Jesus is our Shepherd who knows us by name!
His promise of abundant life awakens our hearts and lifts our spirits!
It is God's Word that calls us out from the darkness of our greed and selfishness,
and that Word Made Flesh becomes our Light and our Life.
The Word moves our hearts to action;
and action proves our discipleship.
God smiles when we act faithfully;
and we give to our Father in Heaven all the praise and the glory!

* HYMN 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART
Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
For the ways in which we bury your light underneath layers of busyness and denial,
Lord have mercy upon us.
For the times we fail to recognize your light in the eyes of the hungry, the outcast, the stranger,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.
For the opportunities not taken to share your light with our children and parents and strangers and friends,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Tell out the Good News of God's Love for us:
In Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God!