

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Wade in the Water* Spiritual/arr. Althouse
Janet Carmichael, solo

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 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

SERMON Kevin Weber
Dreams from Our Father

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 267 ROYAL OAK
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation on OLIVET* John G. Barr

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we thank you for the blessings you give us, your children. Use these gifts to nourish your church and to build up the body with courage for the journey ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* Michael Burkhardt

The DVD Lecture Series will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 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, for 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.

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 plan to meet with Patti Lanford and Judy Davis today immediately following the church service. We will meet in the back of the sanctuary and will only be there for a short time. You can also call Patti at 770 490 3660 or Judy at 770 464 4025 to get 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 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.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Kevin Weber is our guest preacher today. Kevin is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary. He and his wife Callie are the parents of Molly and Benjamin.
- * 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

†Sophia Hawley—Children's Healthcare/Egleston
†Ricky Hughes—Southern Regional (brother of Leon Hughes)
†Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)
†Evelyn Underwood—home (mother of Pam Stillerman)
†Clarence Price—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
†Patrick Carmichael—home
†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
†Helen and George Stamps—Benton House
†Mary Crudup—Benton House
†Kate King—Benton House
Military:
†Savannah Cannon
†Mike Laib
†John Rossi
†Renee Boston
†Charles Bailey
Hospital Visitor: Jon Williams

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 9

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 10

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 11

10:30 Ambassador Choir
10:00 ELC Open House
11:15 ELC Open House
12:00 Saints Luncheon

Sunday, August 14 Rally Day

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
4:00 Swimming at Clark's Grove
6:00 Supper at Clark's Grove

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.

Handbell Choir rehearsals: Sundays, at 9:00 in the FPC sanctuary. Speak to Alan Bunn for more information.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals: Wednesdays, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The choir will be preparing for Rally Day, August 14, and starting work on other music for future dates. All are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir. You may speak to Alan Bunn after church for more information.

The Silver Saints, including the Ambassador Choir and friends, will gather in the fellowship hall for a picnic lunch on **Thursday, August 11**, at 12 noon. Burgers, dogs and beverages will be provided. Several persons volunteered to bring a picnic dish to share. Please notify Jean Elder at 770-787-7951 of your intentions so that preparations can be made.



Sunday, August 14th, is **Rally Day**, the day when we begin a new Sunday School season, the day when many of our programs and activities begin again for the school year. On Rally Day, new Sunday school teachers and classes will be introduced at a church-wide gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. **Breakfast will be served.**

The **worship service** on Rally Day will include the Sacrament of **The Lord's Supper** and the Sacrament of **Baptism** for Charles Foster Heisel, son of Andrea and Daniel Heisel.

Join us Sunday, **August 14, 2011** at Clark's Grove for the second fun filled **family picnic** of the summer. There is a ball field if you want to bring your own equipment and hit a few balls or start a friendly game of soft ball. And of course there is swimming.

Note: A parent must be present at the pool while your children are swimming.

The **church is providing hot dogs and hamburgers** to cook out, the buns, mustard and catsup and iced tea and lemonade. **You bring side dishes, desserts to share**, and chairs for poolside and relaxing. Swimming begins at 4:00 at the pool and the picnic will begin at 6:00 PM at the pavilion.

Mid-Week Feast begins on Wednesday, August 17. Mark your calendar. We'll have a menu in next week's bulletin and you will be able to make your reservations then.

Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday, August 28th at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of electing members to the Elder Nominating Committee.

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:

Bates Family
Luton Family
Next week:
Loeble Family
Hawley Family

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Cy & Jean Wolverton

Sound System:

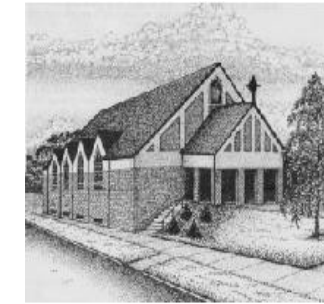
Ken Walker

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 Krissy Jones	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the</i> <i>Early Learning Center</i>
Dan Walden Peni Haug Alan Bunn	<i>Parish Associate</i> <i>Director of Youth</i> <i>and Children's Ministry</i> <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

August 7, 2011
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

- PRELUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach
The Cross Albin C. Whitworth
- * CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105
Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!
Sing to God with joyful songs;
Tell of God's wonderful deeds!
- * HYMN 288 ELLACOMBE
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. So we make excuses, take shortcuts, and seek our own pleasure. Now we find ourselves far away from abundant life. Help us make our way back to you. Forgive our sins and direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love's demands and the grace to receive love's gifts. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS