

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come J. S. Bach

INTROIT PICARDY
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Sanctuary Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Stillerman Family

Let us rejoice in God our Savior, who has done great things for us. Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the candle of joy.

We gather as a people of hope, peace, love and joy. The lighting of these candles reminds us that once we were a people who waited in darkness, but the light of Christ, which illuminated the world long ago in a manger in Bethlehem, holds the darkness back.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Now we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ with singing and celebration and the spirit of rejoicing, because good news of a great joy has come to all people.

For unto us a child is born, a Savior who is Christ the Lord. Let us rejoice and be glad!

May the candle of joy give light to the world!
We now light the candle of joy.

Let us pray: Almighty God, prepare our hearts so that the dear Christ may enter in and be born in us. Make us bearers of the good news and great joy, which comes to all people; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN 27 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 30:18
The Lord waits to be gracious to you;
The Lord will rise up to show mercy to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we often are deaf to the good tidings around us. We are weighed down by the pace and the demands of this season. Help us to reflect on your great love in the gift of Jesus to this weary world, and to us; for we pray in Jesus' holy name. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. LOUIS
Hymn 44, stanza 4
**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Luke 2:14
And there came with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all." The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Little Drummer Boy*
Jim Davies, saxophone Jimmy Davies, percussion

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 Micah 5:2
Luke 2:1-20

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Checking the Guest List

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 59 CHRISTMAS
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

* 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

* RESPONSE GOD REST YOU MERRY
Sanctuary Choir — stanza 3
All — refrain

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY O Come, All Ye Faithful David Lowe

* HYMN 53 GREENSLEEVES
What Child is This?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace and mercy, as we celebrate the Savior's birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your words. Keep us steadfast in hope, and faithful in service, that we may receive his presence and proclaim the good news of his reign; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 38 CAROL
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE PICARDY
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels* Dan Miller

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.



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, December 20		Thursday, December 24	
9:45 Sunday School		7:00 Christmas Eve Service	
11:00 Worship Service			
5:00 PW go Caroling			
6:00 Youth Connection Party		Sunday, December 27	
		9:45 Sunday School	
Tuesday, December 22		11:00 Worship Service	
11:45 Prayer Group			
12:00 Advent Prayer Service			
4:00 Exercise Class			

Prayer Group: Tuesdays during Advent, 11:45—12:30

Advent Prayer Service: Tuesdays, from 12:00 noon until 12:20 p.m. the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection. Some music will be played, some Scripture read, some brief prayers offered and some silence provided to help us to listen for the voice of God.

No Wednesday activities until January.

2009 Pledge Completion: Just a reminder for you that December 31, is the deadline for turning in your payment to complete your 2009 pledges or offerings. Please have them in the church office by noon that day, or mailed with a postmark of December 31, otherwise they will be booked in 2010. As always we appreciate your generosity.

It's not too late to turn in a pledge for 2010. Pledge cards may be obtained in the narthex or from the church office.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- † Elizabeth Gadilhe - surgery
- † Janet Burts—home
- † Brennan Simkins, 7 year old cousin of the Hay family - chemo treatment in preparation for second bone marrow transplant at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis.
- † David Shane, nephew of Doug & Sherri Bolton - heart surgery
- † Darrell Davis - surgery
- † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
- † Jonathan Paschal - chemotherapy
- † Chris Weesner - home
- † Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford - cancer treatment
- † Betty Bailey - radiation and chemotherapy
- † Danny Vining - radiation therapy

Covington Square

- † Rita Harrell and
- † Joy Knight

Nursing Homes:

- † Maymenell Bohanan -Riverside
- † Sarah Chesnut and
- † Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor

- † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
- † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
- † Hal Cline
- † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Military:

- † David and Savannah Rickert
- † Mike Laib

Congratulations to Cam Wade who graduated yesterday from Southern Polytechnic State University.

We extend sympathy and prayers for Guy McGiboney in the death of his uncle, Harold Chapman

The hospital team members who will be visiting people this week are Roger and Kathryn Wallace..

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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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2009

7:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Stephanie Scarborough
Angie Houck
Next week:
Digby/McCarthy Family
Moss Family

Hosts

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Terri Digby & John McCarthy
J. L. Johnson

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

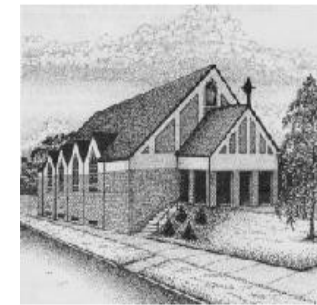
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

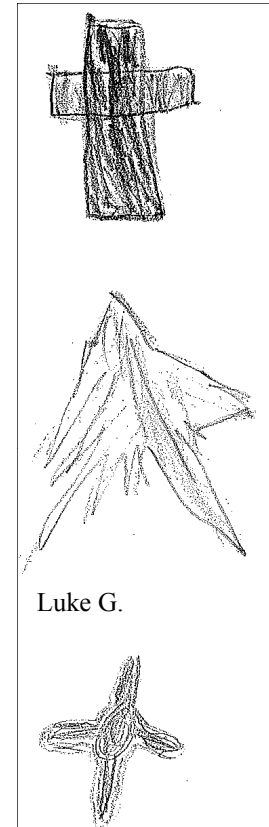
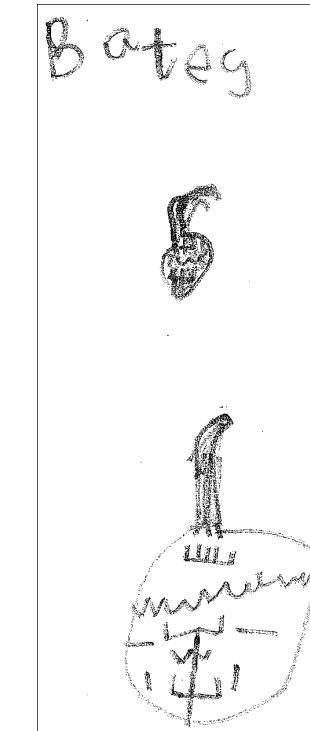
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Senior Choir</i>
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Deana Graham <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	
Alan Bunn <i>Choir Director</i>	

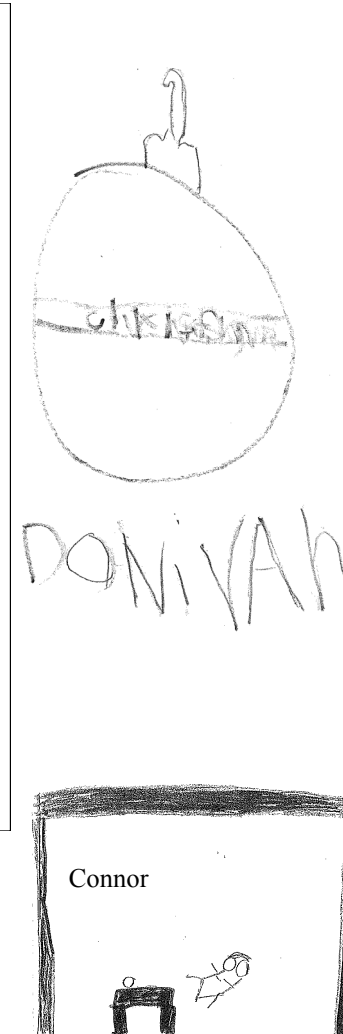


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
December 20, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Advent



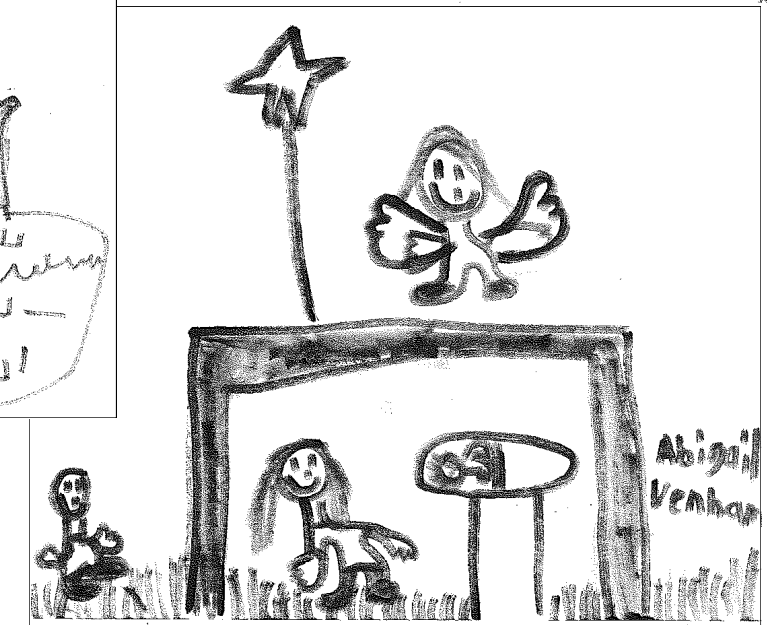
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We thank the artists of FPC for sharing their gifts with us.



Abigail Venhan