

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Caroling, Caroling* Diane Bish
Christmas Lullaby Albin C. Whitworth
O Come, Little Children Traditional Carol
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Fred Bock

INTROIT *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:6-7
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
**“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**
Of the increase of his government and of peace there
will be no end, upon the throne of David and over his
kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it
**with justice and with righteousness from this time
forth and for evermore.**
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

* HYMN 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Hymn 29 (refrain)
**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
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 arr. Hayes
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Alan Bunn, solo Alice Walker, piano

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 Matthew 2:1-23

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
In the Days of Herod

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 56 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20
**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of
all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for
him. He himself is before all things, and in him all
things hold together. He is the head of the body, the
church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the
dead, so that he might come to have first place in
everything. For in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth
or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of
his cross.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear God, the world is not as it should be.
There is violence and famine and sickness and pain.
**Let those things die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.**

Our hearts are not as they should be.
There is conflict, unforgiveness, judgment and rage.
**Let those things die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.**

As we embark upon the newness of the coming age,
May wickedness that marked the old be cast away by
love.
**Let wickedness die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.**

When a brother sees not the beauty of his brother,
And a sister sees not the glory of her sister,
Where a sister sees not the innocence of her brother,
And a brother sees not the brilliance of his sister,
**May illusions die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.**

Redeem the past- **Release the future.**
Wipe away all tears- **Deliver us to joy.**
Correct our thinking- **Heal our hearts.**

May fear now die, dear Lord,
May we be no longer who we used to be.
**Release your glory that lies within us,
That all the world might be reborn
This is our prayer for the age upon us. Amen.**

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MUELLER
**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Conley
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Jim Davies, saxophone Alice Walker, piano

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come one and all to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**No gift can we bring to match your gift to us, O God.
But open our hearts, we pray, that we may receive
what you offer, and may live according to your grace.
Amen.**

* HYMN 31 Mendelssohn
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES
O Come, All Ye Faithful

* POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Kenneth Walton

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.

Mid-week Feast, Choirs, Adventure Club, Youth Connection and Youth Prayer Breakfast will not be held this week.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- † Errol Milner, great-nephew of Day Kennon - heart problems
- † Janet Burtt—home after surgery
- † 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
- † Darrell Davis - home
- † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
- † Jonathan Paschal - chemotherapy
- † 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 #202
- † 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 Sarah and Frank Davis on the birth of twin granddaughters.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, December 27

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Friday, January 1
Office closed

Monday, December 28

Office Closed

Sunday, January 3

9:45 Sunday School

Thursday, December 31

1:00 Office closes

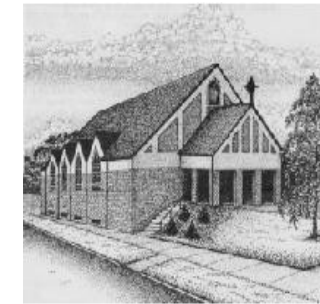
11:00 Worship Service



**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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

December 27, 2009

2009 Charitable Giving If you would like to make a donation to the church this year, please have your check to the church office no later than noon on December 31, so we can record it on your contribution statement as part of your 2009 statement. If you mail it, it has to be postmarked by 12/31/09 to appear on your 2009 statement for the IRS.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest

Members in the

Nursery:

Digby-McCarthy Family
Moss Family

Next week:

Skaggs Family
Bates Family

Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Terri Digby & John McCarthy
J. L. Johnson

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2009

Doug Bolton
Terri Digby
Barbara Johnson
Bill Loeble
Cy Wolverton
Elizabeth Daniell
Lane Dobbs

Class of 2010

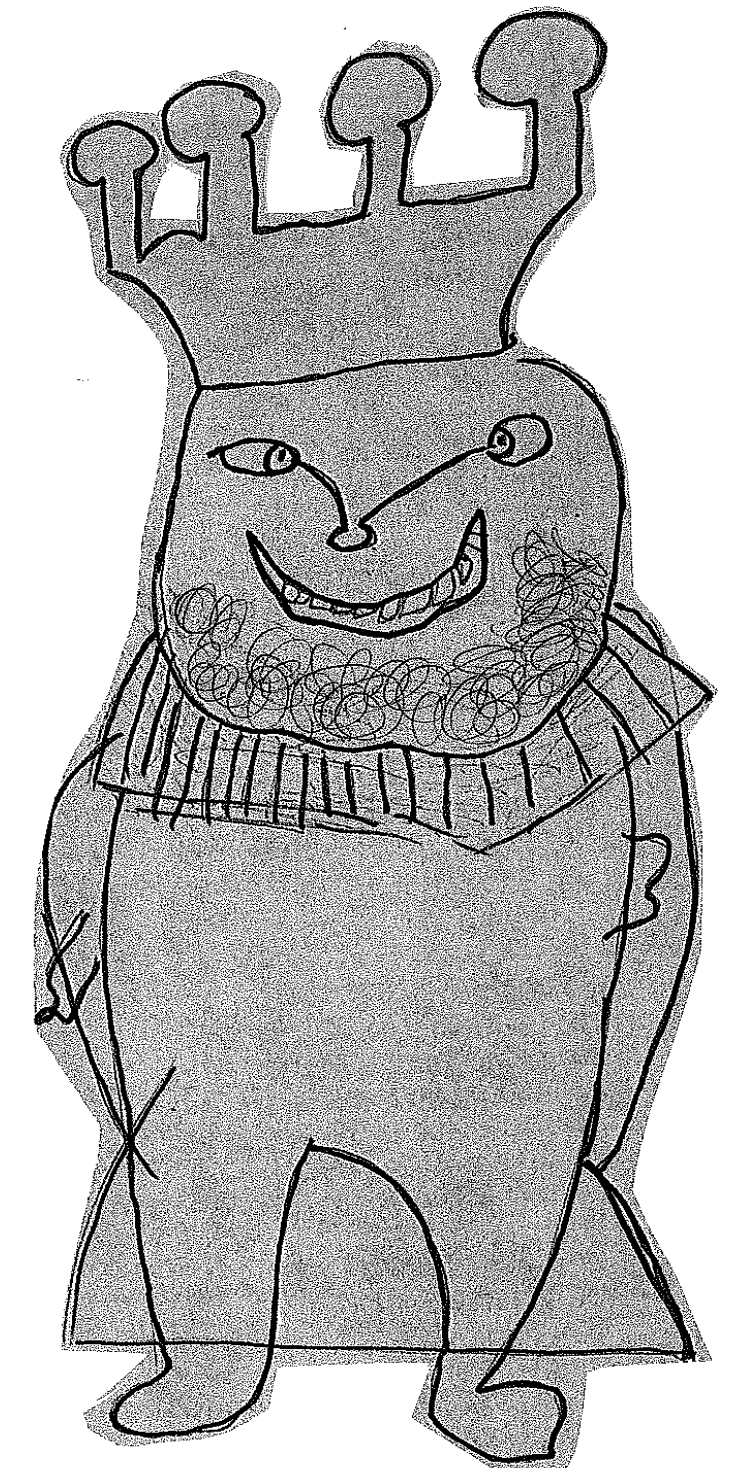
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 Elliott & 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> | |



Historical Art by Stephen Mattice in the year of our Lord 1992