

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, December 6 Advent II

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:30 Joy Gift Dinner

### Tuesday, December 8

11:45 Prayer Group  
12:00 Advent Prayer Service  
4:00 Exercise Class

### Wednesday, December 9

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:30 Handbell Choir  
6:45 Study Series  
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, December 10

7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
noon Lunch Bunch Xmas Party  
(RSVP to Church office by 12/7)

### Sunday, December 13 Advent III

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with  
Lessons and Carols  
Joy Gift Offering  
12:00 Session Meeting  
2:30 Youth Attend "Nutcracker"  
5:00 Young Adult Gathering

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- † Janet Burtt—home after surgery
  - † Guy McGiboney, 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 chemo therapy
  - † Danny Vining - radiation Therapy
  - † Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis
  - † John Braden - heart transplant
- 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

*We congratulate David and Carol Stillerman on the birth of their grandson, William Atticus Fender, born November 30, to their daughter, Meg and son-in-law, Scott Fender.*

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ruth McDaniel.*

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING:** The Young Adults will gather for fellowship, food and games, Sunday, December 13, from 5-7 p.m.in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and a sack supper for your children. A nursery will be provided. All are welcome!

### A CAROLING WE WILL GO

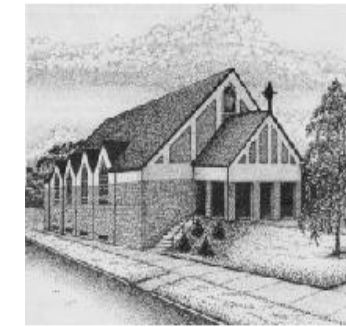
The Presbyterian Women will go caroling on Sunday, December 20. We will meet at the church at 5 p.m., go caroling, and then return for hot chocolate. Santa has promised to join the songsters. This will be fun and spark our Christmas spirit.

**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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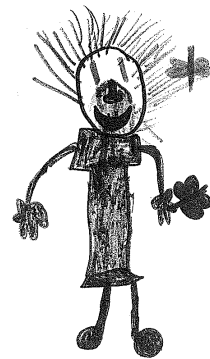


## First Presbyterian Church

Covington, Georgia

December 6, 2009  
Second Sunday of Advent

*albie Hay*



**The church pictorial directories** are available to all who had portraits taken or who submitted photos. Directories may be picked up in the Narthex on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



*Avery*

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Gregory Family  
Lewis Family  
**Next week:**  
Jessup Family  
Ardis Family

#### Ushers:

Eleanor Scarborough, chair  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Lynn and Jonathan Miller.

#### Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson, Donna Weesner  
**Sound System:**  
Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

#### Class of 2008

Doug Arnold  
Bill Blair  
Ellis Dunbar  
Sarah Lanners  
Carol McGiboney  
Steve Norton  
Jodi Walden

#### Class of 2009

Doug Bolton  
Terri Digby  
Barbara Johnson  
Bill Loeble  
Cy Wolverton

#### Class of 2010

Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

*Kendall*



*Abigail*



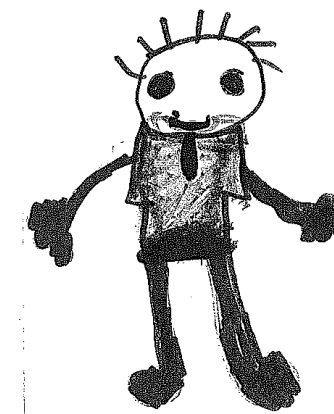
Drawings of John the Baptist in the Wilderness



*Laurel*

*Artis*

*EMINSAJ*



All Artworks are by Resident Artists of FPC. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us.



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come*  
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND  
Setting 1 J. S. Bach  
Setting 2 Paul Manz  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Albin Whitworth

INTROIT "Prepare Ye the Way" from *Godspell*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Houck Family

The season of Advent continues. We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

**We are people of hope. Hope lives and abounds in us.**

Today we light the candle of peace.

**This light must brave the darkness.**

In an age when people seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of war, we light a fire called peace.

**Peace that is not merely the absence of conflict but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all, that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

**In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.**

May this candle of peace give light to the world.

I now light the candle of peace.

Let us pray: Almighty God prepare our hearts, that the dear Christ may enter in and be born in us. Grant us his peace which passes our understanding; for we pray in your name. Amen.

\* HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Repent and believe the Good News.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and renew us in the**

**baptism of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

(Silence for prayer and reflection.)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 8, stanza 3

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord Abide. Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

#### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

John 14:27; Philippians 4:7

Jesus said, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Desert Shall Rejoice* STERLING  
Sanctuary Choir

*The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with praise and singing. For the ears of the deaf shall hear, and the blind, their eyes be opened. For the tongue of the mute shall sing, and the lame will dance with gladness. For the ground will become a pool and the dry land springs of water. As the ransomed return to God and come singing back to Zion. Unto Zion we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.*

### 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 Luke 3:1-6

SERMON The Rev. Randy Calvo  
*Sight Work*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

\* 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

### OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Page  
Handbell Choir

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 13, stanza 3

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace. And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Lord, you have so greatly loved us, lovingly sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, as a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 20 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* ABERYSTWYTH

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
VENI EMMANUEL

POSTLUDE *O Thou of God the Father* J. S. Bach

### WORSHIP NOTES

- \* We welcome the Rev. Randy Calvo again to our pulpit. Randy is the Director of Alumni and Church Relations at Columbia Theological Seminary.
- \* We welcome as part of the Handbell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir Norby and Donna Lanford from The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.
- \* Please stand, if you are able.
- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in the leading of worship this morning.
- \* Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.