

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In that effort to cross the finish line of achievement, Holy God, we know we have rushed by those we could have stopped to help. In our attempts to climb the ladder of success, we know we have pushed past those who were too weary to continue and were looking for encouragement. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Forgive us our sins and help us to live in your light. May we turn our festivals into celebrations of your justice; May we share our soup and bread with open hearts and hands; May our light break forth and our healing spring up quickly; All to your Glory, our Rock and Redeemer. *(Silence for personal reflection).*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

On mountaintops and in the valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven.
By God's mercy, we are made whole.
By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* *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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* Schelat
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Lori Ardis
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
**Almighty God, lead us in your truth, and teach us;
For you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 15:7-11
Matthew 25:35-40

SERMON Dan Walden
If Not Me, Then Who?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 422 BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Love Is This* Arr. Dobrinski
Handbell Choir

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Holy God, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your trustees. Help us to exercise responsibly the authority you give us in your world. Let Jesus your Son be the pattern for all our dealings with one another, and with the rest of creation. Bless the gifts we now

present back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your Kingdom on this earth. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 343 BEECHER
Called as Partners in Christ's Service

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE Ganda Melody, Tanzania
Gracious Spirit Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* RETIREMENT OF COLORS Cub Scout Pack 4511

* POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Charles Callahan

Worship Notes

* Leading worship today are: Cub Scouts of Pack 4511, Rick Gunter (Cubmaster), Lori Ardis (Assistant Cubmaster), Liane Bouchillon, Tory Bouchillon, Dan Walden (Director of Youth & Children's Ministries), and Pastor Billy Wade.
* 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

†Brenda Howell—foot surgery, home	waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
†Anita Johnson—surgery, Rockdale Medical	†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
†Mrs. Patton—home, Milton Patton's mother	Covington Square
†Lamar Eaton, Milton Patton's cousin	†Rita Harrell
†Claude Bennett—ICU, Atlanta Medical Center, Milton Patton's best friend	†Joy Knight
†Marvin Mills—brother of Maxine Blankenship; home	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Theresa Mills—sister-in-law of Maxine Blankenship; hospice	†Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
†Renee Robinson—working in China for a year (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)	†Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
†Chris Weesner—home	†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
†Louise Strickland—home, after a fall	†Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
†Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)	†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant	Benton House
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)	†Helen and George Stamps
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover—	†Mary Crudup
	†Doris Mote
	Military:
	†Savannah (Cannon) Knudson
	†Mike Laib
	†Renee Boston
	Hospital Visitors:
	<i>Jim and Jean Elder</i>

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Women's Circles to meet: **Circle I** - Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jean and Sandy Elder, 770-787-7951
Circle II—Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246
Circle III—Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Wolverton, 678-342-3463
Circle IV—Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Alice Walker. 770-787-6915
Circle V (The 5th Wheel) – Thursday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Angie Blair, 678-727-3931
Circle VI—Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at FPC, Judy Hooten, 770-786-6640

HEAR DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

The church van will leave the FPC parking lot at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, for supper and to hear Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, who will speak in Gaines Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The group will have dinner in the college dining hall around 6:00-6:15 p.m. The dinner cost is \$9.00. Call Ellis or Carol Dunbar for more information at 770-787-2657.

Make your reservation for Mid-Week Feast by using the forms in the pew rack. Join us Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. This week's menu is: Salisbury steak, fried chicken, creamed potatoes, carrots & peas, rolls. Bring a dessert and join us!

No Wednesday Night Study Group on Wednesday due to the group's attendance at the Tuesday lecture as above.

Silver Saints Lunch A soup and sandwich lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 9th at 12 noon for the Silver Saints, Ambassador Choir and friends of FPC. Bring a dessert to share if you would like. Please make your reservation by calling the church office or Jean Elder at 770-787-7951. This will assure that the set up and food will be ample.

Valentine Dinner by the Cub Scout Pack: Saturday, February 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall at FPC. Bring your sweetheart to celebrate Valentine's Day and help the Scouts with their project expenses. Call Rick Gunter at 678-913-3479, to make your reservations for dinner.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 5
Souper Bowl of Caring
Scout Sunday
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 6:00 Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 6
 5:30 Witness Team Meeting
Tuesday, February 7
 4:00 Exercise Class
 5:15 Study Group leaves for Agnes Scott College

Wednesday, February 8
 4:00 Adventure Club
 4:00 Finance Team Meeting
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal
 No Study Group

Thursday, February 9
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
 11:30 Prayer Group (sanctuary)

Friday, February 10
 6:00-7:00 Early Learning Center
 Valentine Program - Sanctuary

Saturday, February 11
 5:00-8:00 Valentine's Dinner served by the Cub Scouts

Sunday, February 12
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Noon Session Meeting
 5:00 Youth Connection

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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Food Pantry Needs for February: cake and cookie mixes and canned icing. Please place your donations in the containers in the narthex or elsewhere in the building.

Coat Collection: In cooperation with Covington First United Methodist Church, the Witness Team is collecting gently used coats, jackets, blankets and only new socks for children and adults. A plastic bin has been provided in the hallway leading to the elevator. These needed coats, blankets and socks will then be distributed to families in need.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Weesner Family
 Karen Laib

Next Week:
 Ann Bouchillon
 Trista Hooten-Young

Ushers:

Glen and Debi Selin
 Bernice Bailey, Betty Bailey

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
 Donna Weesner

Sound System:
 Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
 Rebecca Bates
 Mac Cranford
 Judy Hooten
 Day Kennon

Class of 2013

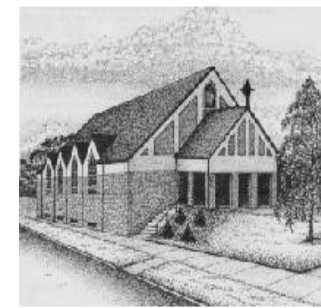
Patrick Carmichael
 Judy Davis
 Denny Dobbs
 Aubrey Evans
 Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
 Bill Loeble
 Carol Stillerman
 Roger Tingler
 Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate</i> <i>Director of Youth</i> <i>and Children's Ministry</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the</i> <i>Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug Alan Bunn	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
 February 5, 2012
 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Scout Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional on HYFRYDOL* John G. Barr
The Spacious Firmament on High Diane Bish

INTROIT *Gracious Spirit* Ganda Melody, Tanzania
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
 Cub Scouts Pack 4511

* CALL TO WORSHIP Liane & Tory Bouchillon

You shall love God with all your heart.

I promise to do my best to do my duty to God.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

I promise to do my best to do my duty to my country.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

I promise to do my best to help other people.

My child, do not forget my law, but keep my

commandments, by heart.

I promise to do my best to obey the Scout Law.

Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people, and walk in all the ways that I command you.

I promise to do my best to keep myself physically strong.

A wise person is strong, yes, a person of knowledge increases strength.

I promise to do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

You shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord.

I promise to do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Amen.

* HYMN 267 ROYAL OAK
All Things Bright and Beautiful

CALL TO CONFESSION