

\* 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 *Hurry to Bethlehem* Allen Pote

*Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!  
Run to the stable to see the baby.  
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!  
Run to the stable to see the baby boy!*

*Come with me to the manger to see the infant King.  
Bring your gifts on bended knee. Together let us sing!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God in the highest!*

*Hurry, hurry, hurry, run to the stable,  
quickly come run with me!*

*Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!  
Run to the stable to see the baby.  
Hurry! Hurry! Hurry to Bethlehem!  
Run to the stable to see the baby boy!*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory to God in the highest!*

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 John 1:1-18

SERMON Dan Walden

*How Do I Love Thee?*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 28 (stanzas 1 & 2 only) IN DULCE JUBILO  
*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Ephesians 1:3-14  
**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have**

**redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IRBY

Hymn 49 *Once in Royal David's City*  
**He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY J. S. Bach  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT  
Hymn 66 *We Three Kings*  
**We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we all have received much: We ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it. Remember also those persons and purposes for which it is given. So follow this sacrifice with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will, and advance the**

**kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray; Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* HYMN 23 GLORIA  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\* POSTLUDE Michael Helman  
*Trumpet Tune on "Joy to the World"*

**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is preaching today.
- \* Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, 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**

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

† Beth Vining—broken foot	† Hal Cline
† Janet Burtt—home after surgery	† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant	<b>Military:</b>
† Jonathan Paschal - chemotherapy	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford - cancer treatment	† Mike Laib
† Danny Vining - radiation therapy	
<b>Covington Square</b>	
† Rita Harrell and	
† Joy Knight	
<b>Nursing Homes:</b>	
† Maymenell Bohanan -Riverside #202	
† Sarah Chesnut and	
† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor	
† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers	
† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center	

*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Darrell Davis who died this week and to the family of Errol Milner who died recently (great-nephew of Day Kennon).*

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Cy Wolverton.*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the morning worship service on Sunday, January 24, for the purpose of hearing the budget and acting on changes in call to the minister.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, January 3

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### Tuesday, January 5

Circle Meetings  
10:00 Circle I  
10:00 Circle II  
10:30 Circle IV  
4:00 Exercise Class  
7:00 Circle III

### Wednesday, January 6

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

### Thursday, January 7

7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

### Sunday, January 10

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with  
Holy Communion and  
Installation and Ordination  
of New Elders  
Noon Session Meeting  
6:00 Youth Connection

## Activities in the Life of the Church



**Mid-Week Feast** Happy New Year!!! The first Mid-Week Feast of 2010 will be January 6th (The Day of Epiphany) at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: baked tenderloin, fried chicken, black eyed peas, collards and cornbread. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation from the form in the pew rack.

**DVD LECTURE SERIES** The Mid-Week DVD Lecture Series, "The History of Christian Theology," taught by Dr. Philip Cary, will resume on Wednesday, January 6, after the Mid-Week Feast. This series represents an opportunity to enrich and educate yourself in 2010. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. The first lecture of the New Year will be "The Sacraments."

**MEN'S STUDY & BREAKFAST** The men of the church are invited to a Saturday morning breakfast and study on January 9, 8:00 a.m. at the Townhouse Café on Washington Street. The study this month from the book, *Men Worth Knowing*, is: A Man After God's Own Heart: David. Join us and bring a friend!

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated next Sunday, January 10, prepare your heart.

**A service of Ordination and Installation** will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 10. Newly elected elders, Bernice Bailey, Rebecca Bates, Mac Cranford, Judy Hooten and Warren Liem will be installed. Bernice Bailey, Rebecca Bates and Mac Cranford will be ordained, having never served previously on the session.

**Session meeting:** Sunday, January 10, after the 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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### Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

**Circle I**—10:00 at the home of Carol McGiboney, 770-786-7998

**Circle II**—10:00 at the home of Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246

**Circle III**—7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Savage, 770-786-8058

**Circle IV**—10:30 at the home of Carol Dunbar, 770-787-2657

Please call the hostess to "RSVP" or for directions to her home.

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

### Caring for Our Youngest

#### Members in the Nursery:

Skaggs Family

Bates Family

#### Next week:

Willis Family

Loeble Family

#### Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson

Donna Weesner

#### Ushers:

The Dobbs Family, Chair

#### 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

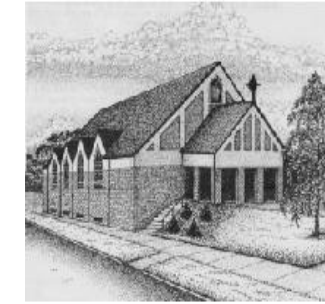
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

### Class of 2011

Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>	



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

January 3, 2010

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Hail This Brightest Day of Days* J. S. Bach  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Polish Carol

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

**He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?**

He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* HYMN 40 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

\* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN DULCE JUBILO

Hymn 28 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice,**

**With heart and soul and voice;**

**Now ye need not fear the grave:**

**Jesus Christ was born to save!**

**Calls you one and calls you all,**

**To gain the everlasting hall.**

**Christ was born to save!**

**Christ was born to save!**