

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT  
 (Hymn 347, stanza 1)  
**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us,  
 Lord, to pray. But you alone can grant us  
 grace to live the words we say.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a  
 river, I’ve got peace like a river, in-a my soul.  
 I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a  
 river, I’ve got peace like a river, in-a my soul.**

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Praise His Holy Name* Hampton  
 Oxford Youth Singers

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.*

ANTHEM *Round the Glory Manger* Scott  
 Oxford Youth Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:13-17

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Eyes and Ears*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 324 OPEN MY EYES  
*Open My Eyes That I May See*

\* 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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Robert Hebble  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LINSTEAD  
 (Hymn 514, stanza 3)  
**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
 God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again,  
 earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:  
 loaves abound!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with gifts too  
 many to count. Help us respond to your goodness.  
 Enable us to live our lives as gifts to you, seeking  
 your will and your help through all that life brings  
 us. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN  
*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

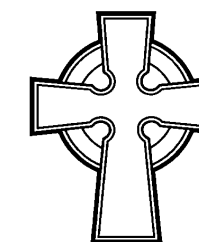
\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE *Sing Me to Heaven* Gawthrop  
 (Please be seated) Oxford Youth Singers

\* POSTLUDE *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God* Seth Bingham

**A Brief History of the Oxford Singing Children**

2011-12 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Oxford Singing Children! In 1991, the first children's education program of the Arts Association was begun and evolved into Oxford Singing Children, an auditioned children's choir for grades 4-7. In 2000, Oxford Youth Singers, an auditioned youth choir, was added for grades 8-12. Singers come from Newton, Rockdale and other surrounding counties for their Thursday evening weekly rehearsals hosted by the First Presbyterian Church during the school year and represent the area’s public schools, private schools and home schools. Each year these choirs present Christmas in Covington, a choral performance of holiday and more traditional choral music. In December 2011, both groups performed along with *Time Flies* Young Adult Choir for two sold-out audiences at the First United Methodist Church. Each spring the groups perform a musical, under the musical and dramatic direction of Mary Lynn Luke, Jay Tryall, and Eva Bone. The 2012 spring musical is *Grease*, with Oxford Singing Children presenting *Grease: School Version* on April 13 & 14 and Oxford Youth Singers presenting *Grease* on April 19, 21, & 22.



Worship Notes	
* Patrick Carmichael and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries, are assisting with the worship service today. * Please stand, if you are able. * Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to <b>turn off cell phones</b> during the service.	
In Our Thoughts and Prayers	
†Marvin Mills—brother of Maxine Blankenship; hospital †Theresa Mills—sister-in-law of Maxine Blankenship; hospital †Reneé Robinson—working in China for a year (Bettie Miller’s granddaughter) †Chris Weesner—home †Louise Strickland—home, after a fall † Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden’s uncle) †JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant †Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem’s cousin) †Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida †Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price’s sister)	<b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b> †Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor †Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers †Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center †Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  <b>Benton House</b> †Helen and George Stamps †Mary Crudup †Doris Mote  <b>Military:</b> †Savannah (Cannon) Knudson †Mike Laib †Renee Boston  <i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for Kevin Bates and his family at the death of his grandmother, Hazel Griffith.</i>  <b>Hospital Visitor:</b> Louly Hay
<b>Covington Square</b> †Rita Harrell †Joy Knight	

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**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: hot dogs, corn dogs, served with chili, slaw and baked beans. Bring a dessert and join us!

**The Wednesday Night Study Group** meets at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast in the Parlor. We are currently studying the Old Testament.

**HEAR DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE AT AGNES SCOTT ON FEBRUARY 7.**

The Wednesday Evening DVD Lecture Series Study Group will be going to Agnes Scott College on Tuesday evening, February 7, to hear Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University professor and the current presenter in the group's lecture series on the "Old Testament." Dr. Levine will be speaking as part of the college's Faith and Learning Series. Her presentation is entitled, "Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently." Dr. Levine is a brilliant professor and speaker.

Dr. Levine 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.

If you would like to be a part of this outing, see Carol or Ellis Dunbar before leaving church today, or call them before Tuesday, January 31, at (770) 787-2657.

Transportation will be provided using the church bus and by private cars, if needed. The bus will leave the Church Parking Lot at 5:15 p.m.

**The Witness Team is planning another mission trip** to Tuscaloosa or Birmingham. What a way to serve God and his creation!!! Please prayerfully consider this and let us know if you are interested and want more information. Judy Davis 770-464-4025 or Patti Lanford 770-490-3660.

**Have you found or seen** a woman's black rimmed reading glasses? If so, please let the church office know where you saw them or...give them to an usher so they can be turned in to the church office. The "owner" would be most grateful!

This Week at FPC	
<p><b>Sunday, January 29</b>                      9:00 Handbell Rehearsal                      9:30 Children's Choir                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship Service                      5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 31</b>                      4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 1</b>                      4:00 Adventure Club                      6:00 Mid-Week Feast                      6:45 Choir Rehearsal                      6:45 Study Group</p>	<p><b>Thursday, February 2</b>                      10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 5</b>  <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>                      9:00 Handbell Rehearsal                      9:30 Children's Choir                      9:45 Sunday School                      11:00 Worship Service                      6:00 Youth Super Bowl Party</p>

**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.

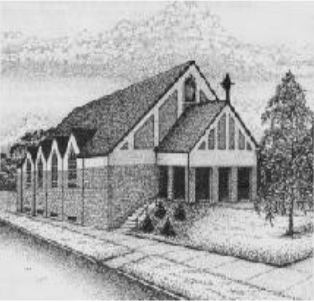
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 Covington, Georgia 30014

**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 the 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		
<p><b>Nursery Volunteers</b>  <b>Today:</b>                      Loebke Family                      Hawley Family</p> <p><b>Next Week:</b>                      Weesner Family                      Karen Laib</p>	<p><b>Ushers:</b>                      Dennis and Lelia Raines                      Sam and Loucy Hay</p> <p><b>Host:</b>                      Donna Weesner</p> <p><b>Sound System:</b>                      Ken Walker</p>	
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION		
<p><b>Class of 2012</b>                      Bernice Bailey                      Rebecca Bates                      Mac Cranford                      Judy Hooten                      Day Kennon</p>	<p><b>Class of 2013</b>                      Patrick Carmichael                      Judy Davis                      Denny Dobbs                      Aubrey Evans                      Dave Gregory</p>	<p><b>Class of 2014</b>                      Debra Arnold                      Bill Loebke                      Carol Stillerman                      Roger Tingler                      Cy Wolverton</p>
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF		
<p>William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>                      Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>                      Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>                      Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>                      Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i></p>	<p>Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>                      Pauleen Green &amp; Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>                      Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>	



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Covington, Georgia  
 January 29, 2012  
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Order of Worship**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE *Our Father Who Art in Heaven* J. S. Bach  
*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA  
 "Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love" From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

INTROIT *Alleluia!* Bergnon  
 Oxford Youth Singers

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78:1-4  
 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
 I will utter hidden sayings from of old,  
 things that we have heard and known,  
 that our ancestors have told us.  
**We will not hide them from our children,  
 but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds  
 of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders which  
 God has wrought.**

\* HYMN 264 ENGELBERG  
*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, repeatedly—day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute—you call us to serve you, to love one another, even to love our enemies. But increasingly your voice is drowned out by the noise we have created to isolate ourselves from you and those around us—the noise of our TVs, our iPods, and our surround sound systems; the noise of our political pundits, our marketing gurus, and even our own voices. Forgive us. Quiet us, God, and teach us to listen for your voice, that we may know ourselves in you, and know what you would have us be and do to your glory.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)