

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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

I Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

*Called*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 429

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

(stanzas 1 and 2)

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND

INSTALLATION (insert)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 14 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Robert J. Powell

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, you nourish us by the outpouring of your love. You strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. We are sustained by your goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and of every talent we possess. O God, you have given to us in abundance; accept these gifts as signs of our thanksgiving. Amen.**

**SEALING OF THE WORD**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
**They will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**  
This is the Lord's table. Our savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.*

ANTHEM *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Helgen

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

p. 16 in front of hymnal

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

\* HYMN 429

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

(stanzas 3 and 4)

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

(stanza 5)

Sanctuary Choir

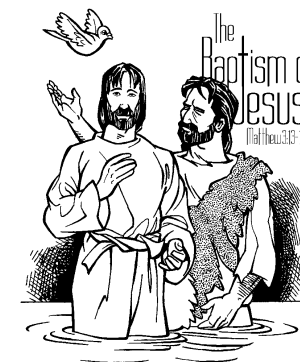
\* POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Gilbert M. Martin

**Worship Notes**

- \* The Rev. Louly F. Hay, Parish Associate, 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 **turn off cell phones** during the service.



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

- †Reed Blakeney—home
- †Marvin Mills—brother of Maxine Blankenship; hospital
- †Theresa Mills—sister-in-law of Maxine Blankenship; hospital
- †Barbara Johnson—home
- †Clarence Price—home
- †Reneé Robinson—working in China for a year (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
- †Chris Weesner—home
- †Danny Vining—home after knee surgery
- †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)

**Covington Square**

- †Rita Harrell
- †Joy Knight

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

- †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

**Benton House**

- †Helen and George Stamps
  - †Mary Crudup
  - †Doris Mote
- Military:**
- †Savannah (Cannon) Knudson
  - †Mike Laib
  - †Renee Boston

*We celebrate with and congratulate Shaun Evans who received a special-ist degree from Nova Southeastern University.*

*We extend our sympathy and prayers for Carol Stillerman and her children and grandchildren at the death of her husband, David; and for Jim and Pam Stillerman and their family at the death of his brother.*

**Hospital Visitor:** Mary Bollinger

**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: barbecue ribs, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and Texas toast. 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.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** will be received by Holden Christopher Evans, son of Aubrey and Shaun Evans, during the morning worship service on January 15.

**A Congregational Meeting** will take place following the worship service on Sunday, January 22, for the purpose of hearing a budget report from the Finance Team and approving changes in the call to the pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Circle I Note: Change of Date!** Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-4932.

**Circle 5 –the 5th Wheel,** Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. At the new home of Angie Blair, 5259 David Circle, SE, Covington, GA 30014 678-727-3931.

All women of the church are invited to attend the circle of their choice. Please call the hostess to let her know you plan to attend.

**A knitting group** is being formed to provide prayer shawls for members of our church community. The group will meet in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2:00 PM. Please join us and bring a pair of 11 or 13 knitting needles and 3 skeins of Homespun Yarn. The yarn is available at Michael's and similar stores. If you need further information, call Linda Boyd at 770-833-4942.

**This Week at FPC**

**Sunday, January 8**

**Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion and Ordination and Installation of Elders  
 Noon Session Meeting  
 5:00 Youth Connection

**Tuesday, January 10**

10:00 Circle 1 at Ann Bouchillon's home  
 2:00 Knitters' Group  
 4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, January 11**

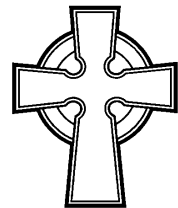
4:00 Adventure Club  
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 Study Group

**Thursday, January 12**

10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Baptism  
 3:00 Martin Luther King Day Celebration



**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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Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street  
 Covington, Georgia 30014

**Food Pantry Needs for January:**

Any non-perishable food items can be donated to the Community Food Pantry, but we ask that you concentrate on macaroni and cheese for the month of January. You may bring your donation to church and place it in one of the bins in the narthex or tubs elsewhere in the building.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

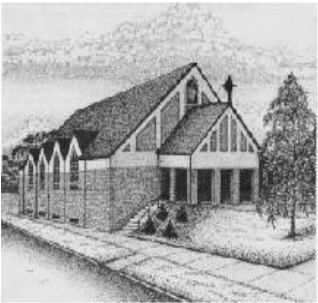
<p><b>Nursery Volunteers Today:</b>                  Jessup Family                  Ardis Family</p> <p><b>Next Week:</b>                  Moss Family                  Shawn Loftin</p>	<p><b>Ushers:</b>                  Dennis and Lelia Raines                  Sam and Loucy Hay</p> <p><b>Sound System:</b>                  Ken Walker</p>
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**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 Loeble                  Carol Stillerman                  Roger Tingler                  Cy Wolverton</p>
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**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>
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Covington, Georgia  
 January 8, 2012  
 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

**Order of Worship**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away* J. S. Bach  
*O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand* DUKE STREET

INTROIT Hand Bell Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 42:5-7

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk in it:

**"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from prison those who sit in darkness.**

\* HYMN 455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we confess that we often have failed in our attempts to be your church. We have not told of your strength, of your love, of your grace, and of your mercy. We have hidden from those most in need of your Good News. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us the courage to face our deepest fears knowing that you go before us, beside us, and behind us. We ask this prayer in the name of the One who has come among us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SOLID ROCK

HYMN 379, stanza 1  
**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**