

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 579

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Alleluia, Sing to Jesus arr. Hayes
Laurie Bunn, solo

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

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 7:7-15
Mark 6:14-29

SERMON Dan Walden
Speaking Truth to Power

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*
R. Vaughn Williams

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Confession of 1967*
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as human involves the church in the common life of people. His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes

the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humankind's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Ode to Joy* Beethoven/arr. Putnam
Alan Bunn, piano

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our willingness to share your love where we live. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 540 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*
RANDOLPH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Celebration* Robert Hughes



First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the **Care and Counseling Center of Rockdale and Newton**, a resource to help with counseling needs. Call 404-636-1457 for an appointment, or ask the church staff for information.

WORSHIP NOTES

*Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is our preacher today.
* Louly F. 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 phones** during the service.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

† Ive Ridley, brother of Jackie Barboe - very ill	† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother, critically ill-home	† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
† Judy Davis - mission trip to Nicaragua (through July 12)	† Hal Cline
† Jessie Smith, The Rev. Carl Smith's wife - home	† Allene Burton,
† Shelby Kinnaird, infant daughter of Tiffany and Tripp Kinnaird - home	† Russ Cole and
† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer	† Lou Wolf - Riverside
† Grace Ann Norton, Steve Norton's mother - chemo therapy	† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† John Braden - heart transplant needed	Military:
Assisted Living:	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Rita Harrell and	† Mike Laib
† Joy Knight -Covington Square	† James Post (friend of Schubert family)
Nursing Homes:	Celebrate with Meghann Timmins whose birthday, July 15, was left out of the newsletter.
† Sarah Chesnut and	<i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.</i>
† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor	

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 12	Tuesday, July 14
9:45 Sunday School	4:00 Exercise Class
11:00 Worship Service	
Monday-Friday	Thursday, July 16
9:00 - 12:00	10:30 Ambassador Choir
Vacation Bible School!	Sunday, July 19
	9:45 Sunday School
	11:00 Worship Service

Abbey Hospice has opportunities for volunteers to provide a break for caregivers. Volunteers sit with a patient at home for a few hours at a time. You decide how far you are willing to drive and how much time to give. Our families just need you! For more information please call Monica Laguaite at 770-464-5858 or e-mail volunteer@abbeyhospice.com.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS Second quarter statements of giving for those who pledge are available in the narthex. Please take yours home - it saves us postage. Thank you!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Exercise Class meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

AMBASSADOR CHOIR SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16 - Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Salem Campground (under the Tabernacle) for Rehearsal. Salem Campground is located at 3940 Salem Road, 3 miles south of I-20. Wear green golf shirts. Sing at 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Complimentary Lunch at Salem Hotel at 12:00 noon.

On Thursday, July 16, all **Presbyterian Women** are invited to be the guests of Alice and Ken Walker for the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Salem Campmeeting and lunch at noon in the Salem Hotel. Salem Campground is located at 3940 Salem Road, 3 miles south of I-20, between Covington and Conyers. Ambassador Choir will be singing for the worship service and staying for lunch as well. Reservations may be made by contacting your Circle Leader or by calling Alice Walker at 770-787-6915. Come join us for a time of worship and fellowship!

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken: Thursday, August 6, 3:00-9:30, Friday, August 7, 2:00-8:30, Saturday, August 8, 10:00-5:00 in the church Fellowship Hall. Please allow about an hour for the entire process of photography and selecting your picture to be included in the directory. Come prepared with your personal calendar and sign up in the church Narthex any Sunday between June 14 and July 26. Remember that the new directory is only helpful if ALL of us take the time to have our pictures taken and participate in this effort to support FPC.

ECO TIPS

Plastics are identified by numbers 1 through 7. Usually located on the bottom of the package, this number is code for the specific type of plastic you're holding. Drinking straws, for example, are made of #5 PP plastic. Newton Co. and the City of Covington currently accept #1 and #2 for recycling. #1 PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) - Samples: Fizzy drink bottles, oven-ready meal trays and water bottles #2 HDPE (High-density polyethylene) - Samples: Milk bottles, detergent bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners.



According to the GA. EPA website, our state has official returned to a non-drought schedule for outdoor water use. Under a non-drought schedule, outdoor water use is allowed three days a week on assigned days using odd and even-numbered addresses. Water use may occur at any time of the day on the assigned days, but to be water efficient, landscape watering should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please continue to use water wisely.

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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REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will take place July 13-17 from 9 a.m. - noon.
Pre-register at www.fpccov.org or call the church office.

FaithWorks Fan Drive

FaithWorks is collecting box fans to be given to families in need. Bring them to the church for delivery. Thanks for your generosity.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Hawley Family
Weesner Family

Next week:

Laib Family
Ann Bouchillon

Hosts:

Terri Digby &
John McCarthy

Ushers:

Jean & Cy Wolverton, chair
Grace Ottley
Jay Lanners

Sound System

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2009

Doug Bolton
Elizabeth Daniell
Terri Digby
Lane Dobbs
Barbara Johnson
Bill Loeble
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2010

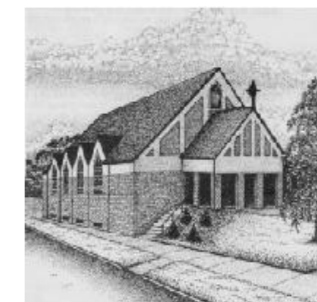
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
Order of Worship

July 12, 2009
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Arioso* J. S. Bach
Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned Michael Cox

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

- * CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 24
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,
O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,
O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.