

* *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 577
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
 Grace Ottley, solo Alice Walker, piano

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
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-16
 Galatians 6:1-10

SERMON Dan Walden
Freedom

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 563 J.W. Johnson
Lift Every Voice and Sing

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
From The Confession of 1967
The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, and fear. Yet as we mature in love and faithfulness in a life with Christ we live in freedom and good cheer, with energy to bear witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. This new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptations, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people in living this life, and the

Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. The members of the church are emissaries of peace. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will prevail. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will complete his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring fulfillment to the new life begun in Christ.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, who has greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering to you. So that we might live in gratitude for the freedom we have been given through Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 561 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

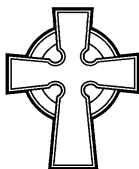
* POSTLUDE *Jubal's Trumpet* Franklin D. Ashdown

WORSHIP NOTES

- Dan Walden, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry, is preaching and Lauren Slingerland, Seminary Intern, is helping to lead worship today.
- * Today's "Prayer of Confession" was composed by the Rev. Thom M. Shuman.
- * 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

† Kathryn Hunnicutt—home	Nursing Homes:
† Kim Burttts, home after surgery	† John Cannon, Merryvale
† Sam Hay, IV, home after surgery	† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor
† Charles Ardis-surgery for pelvic and leg injuries, Atlanta Medical Center	† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Becky Ramsey, sister of Alice Walker—home	† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
† Kathryn Wallace-home, broken hip	† Hal Cline
† Mary Myers—surgery, home	† Gretchen Buendia - Park-wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Joyce Campos, chemotherapy — close friend of the Schubert Family	Military:
† Danny Vining - chemotherapy	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida	† Mike Laib
† Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident.	† John Rossi
† Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant	Celebrations: <i>Judy Davis, home after mission trip; Stephanie & Chris Lanston, with their son, Emery, travel to South America to adopt their second child, Maya Elizabeth. The grandparents are Tricia and Harry Hinton.</i>
Covington Square	<i>The hospital team members who will be visiting people this week are Jim & Jean Elder.</i>
† Rita Harrell	
† Joy Knight	



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 4 Scouting for Food 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Friday, July 9 Salem Camp Meeting begins
Monday, July 5 Church Office Closed	Saturday, July 10 5:30 Picnic at Salem, Ramsey Pavillion (Presbyterian night)
Tuesday, July 6 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, July 11 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday, July 7 7:00 Handbells for Fun	Monday July 12 10:30 Ambassador Choir Rehearsal at Salem Camp Meeting to sing for the 11:00 service.
Thursday, July 8 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Party for Betty Parker and Rebecca Olney	

Activities in the Life of the Church

Summer Sunday School: All classes will continue to meet during the summer.

Exercise Class Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

Handbells for Summer Fun Rehearsals

Wednesday, July 7 - 7:00 p.m. in FPC Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 14—NO REHEARSAL (Alice-Salem Camp Meeting)

Wednesday, July 21 - 7:00 p.m. in FPC Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 28 - 7:00 p.m. in FPC Sanctuary

Best Wishes Party On Thursday, July 8, 11:30 a.m. a party will be held to honor Betty and Jack Parker as they will be moving soon. We also honor their granddaughter, Rebecca Olney, who has been participating in our youth program when staying with the Parkers.

Prayer Requests may be made by filling out the yellow cards in the pew racks and placing them in the offering plate or in the box on the table in the narthex. The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon** in the Parlor. You are invited to join us.

Pastor's Schedule: Mr. Wade will be on vacation through July 8, and performing a wedding the weekend of July 9-11.

Salem Camp meeting—See the newsletter for information on the picnic and speaker for Saturday, July 10, "Presbyterian" night. The Ambassador Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service on Monday, 7/12.

Time for Favorite Hymns During the Summer: Alice Walker will be happy to play favorite hymns for the organ postlude at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Requests may be made to Alice at 770-787-6915 (home), 770-789-3651 (cell), or awalker.organist@gmail.com.

All women of the church are invited to sing in an **ALL WOMEN'S CHOIR** next Sunday, July 11. We'll meet in the choir room for rehearsal at 10 a.m. and sing in worship at 11 a.m. No vocal experience is necessary. If you love to sing, and praise God through your singing, then this is for you! If you have any questions, please contact Alan Bunn at 770.891.0235 or abunn@jackson.k12.ga.us

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 12-16. Children from rising pre-k to 5th grade students may register here at the church or on-line at our website: www.fpccov.org



Termite repair construction is now scheduled to begin on July 12. Since the entrance door to the offices cannot be seen from the conference room, which will serve as Peni's office for the duration, a doorbell has been installed and may be rung so that we may let you in if the door is locked.

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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Reserve Your Space for the Montreat Retreat

We are now taking reservations for the **Montreat Retreat** which will be held November 5-7. Use the green forms found in the narthex. Fill out the form and attach your deposit check to it, then turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. The next installment will be due by August 22, and the final payment will be due the week before the retreat.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Digby-McCarthy Family
Moss Family
Next week:
Bates Family

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Stephanie Fortson, chair
Jean Oldham
Warren & Jeanie Liem

Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

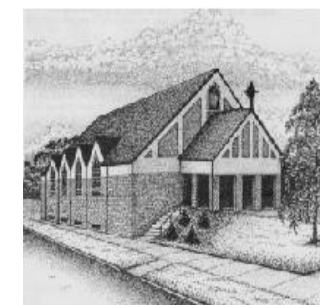
Class of 2010
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Warren Liem

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i>	Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Deana Graham <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Lauren Slingerland <i>Seminary Intern</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>	sarahlaurenslingerland@gmail.com
Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

July 4, 2010

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional*
(from the Oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*) G. F. Handel
America, the Beautiful Marilyn Arison

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

- * CALL TO WORSHIP
Sing praises to our Lord:
who heals us and makes us whole.
Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:
whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.
Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;
give thanks to God's holy name:
God's Kingdom is near to us;
God's peace resides in our hearts.

- * HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light is Come* FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.
We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.