

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 579

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

After his resurrection, Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said to them: "Peace be with you."

The Peace of our Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

ANTHEM *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Jackson  
Danny Vining, 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 inspired to do your will and work in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 48

## SERMON

Sarah F. Erickson

*Within the Citadels of the City of God*

### *RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

\* HYMN 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*  
NATIONAL HYMN

Rebecca Olney, alto saxophone

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH adapted from the

*Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.10-8.15*

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.**

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way, with the same seriousness, is he God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful**

**deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's creatures. In all aspects of our life, we belong to our triune God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *He Slumbers Not Nor Sleeps* Walter Price  
(Psalm 121)  
Blair Bollinger, trombone  
Alice Walker, piano

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps. With neverfailing kindness, with neverfailing love, the Lord of earth and heaven is watching from above. His tender care overshadows us; our every step He keeps; For watching over Israel, He slumbers not nor sleeps.

His promise He has given, His word is pledged to all, To answer each petition, to hear the faintest call. In gladness or in sorrow, at noontide or at night, From those in sin's deep shadow, or those who love the light.

All praise to Christ, our Savior, our Shepherd and our King! We bless His name forever; His endless praise we sing. For over all His children unfailing guard He keeps, And watching over Israel, He slumbers not nor sleeps.

\* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all creation, take our gifts of time, talent and self that we bring before you this day. Use them and use us to be the hands and feet of Christ, instruments of God's grace and peace in the world. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 561 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

• POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune in D Major*

C. S. Lang

## WORSHIP NOTES

\*The Rev. Sarah F. Erickson, our guest preacher, has served in the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA since June 2003. She is co-developer of the Youth Leadership Ministry Initiative, a partnership between the seminary and the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, serves as team leader for the Confirmation Class at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, and as a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of South Alabama. Sarah is a student in the inaugural cohort of Columbia's Doctor of Educational Ministry program and is looking forward to graduation in May 2010.

\* We welcome Blair Bollinger as guest musician in our worship service today. Blair is the son of Don and Mary Bollinger.

\* We also welcome Rebecca Olney who offers her talent playing the alto saxophone in worship today. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Betty Parker.

\* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, 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

† Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother, critically ill-home

† Judy Davis - mission trip to Nicaragua (through July 12)

† Jessie Smith, The Rev. Carl Smith's wife

† Shelby Kinnaird, infant daughter of Tiffany and Tripp Kinnaird - home

† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer

† Grace Ann Norton, Steve Norton's mother - chemo therapy

† John Braden - heart transplant needed

### **Assisted Living:**

† Rita Harrell and

† Joy Knight -Covington Square

### **Nursing Homes:**

† Sarah Chesnut and

† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor

† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers

† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center

† Hal Cline

† Allene Burton,

† Russ Cole and

† Lou Wolf - Riverside

† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

### **Military:**

† David and Savannah (Cannon) Rickert

† Mike Laib

† James Post (friend of Schubert family)

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ruth McDaniel.*

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### **Sunday, July 5**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### **Tuesday, July 7**

4:00 Exercise Class

### **Thursday, July 9**

10:30 Ambassador Choir

### **Sunday, July 12**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Prayer Request from Judy Davis:** On Saturday, July 4, I will be traveling with 15 other folk on a mission trip to Leon, Nicaragua. We will be delivering water purification systems to homes; helping out, painting, and working in the yard of a medical clinic; teaching Sunday and Bible school; visiting a nursing home; and carrying meals to a group of families who live around and on the land fill of Leon. We need your prayers that God will be with us and guide us in this endeavor.

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

### AMBASSADOR CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Regular rehearsals will continue through the summer every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room with the following exceptions:

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.

**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](http://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

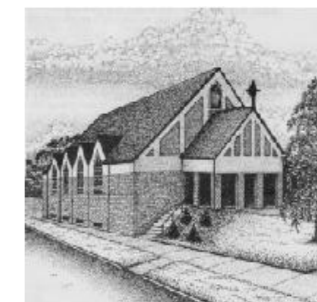
<p><b>Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:</b> Willis Family Loeble Family</p> <p><b>Next week:</b> Hawley Family Weesner Family</p>	<p><b>Hosts:</b> Stephanie Fortson Donna Weesner</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Jean &amp; Cy Wolverton, chair Grace Ottley Jay Lanners</p> <p><b>Sound System</b> Ken Walker</p>
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

<p><b>Class of 2009</b> Doug Bolton Elizabeth Daniell Terri Digby Lane Dobbs Barbara Johnson Bill Loeble Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2010</b> Stephanie Fortson Ruth McDaniel Jonathan Miller Pam Stillerman Gene Wallace</p>	<p><b>Class of 2011</b> Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner</p>
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### 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 &amp; 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 5, 2009  
Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him*

Alice Walker, organ	J. S. Bach
<i>Arioso in F Minor</i>	J. S. Bach
Blair Bollinger, trombone	
Alice Walker, piano	

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.

**Emptiness is fulfilled to overflowing.**

Fear grows into courage.

**The foolish learn wisdom.**

The wise learn God's foolishness.

**The great are humbled, and the humble lifted up.**

In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.

#### \* HYMN 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we boast of earthly accomplishments, personal possessions and positions of strength in spite of the teachings of your commandments. Forgive us when we ignore you, O God, and insist on doing things our own way. Forgive our selfish or aggressive use of power, when we ignore Christ's indwelling power that frees us to be vulnerable. Forgive us for believing that perfection is found in human strength, instead of the perfect weakness and love of the risen Christ. Awaken our hearts and minds to the promises of your all-sufficient grace. Inspire us to live in response to the strength of your perfect love and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom. Amen.**