

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As God's own people, let us be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Let us be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above all else, let us love and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. For as far as the east is from the west so far has God removed our sins. We are forgiven!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 478, stanza 1
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet they tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Polonaise* J.S. Bach
Jake McCarthy, violin

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mary Grace Weber

* HYMN 498 KINGDOM

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Leviticus 19:33-34
Hebrews 13:2

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.

Entertaining Angels

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 436 *We Are Your People* WHITFIELD

* 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 *Elementary Study No. 5* Wohlfahrt
Jake McCarthy, violin

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 422, stanza 1
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, stretch us beyond the limits we set, the risks we dare not take, that our gratitude may overflow in acts of grace and goodness to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 540 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLF

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Cross of Glory* David Lowe



Music Notes

Jake McCarthy playing two violin pieces today. Jake is 10 years old and took an interest in the violin at age 2 upon attending a luncheon concert on the square in Covington. At age 4 he began taking formal instruction at George Walton Academy. As a church family, we are pleased to share in Jake's growth as a young musician through his musical participation in our worship service this morning.

Handbells for Fun is a beginning handbell group which has met for rehearsals throughout the summer under the direction of Alice Walker. We welcome two members of this new ministry group, Jan Coulon and Carol McGiboney, to our worship service this morning. Others participating in the group are Rebecca Olney, Grace Ottley, Becky Ramsey, Pam Rossi, and Jack Weesner.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Lauren Slingerland, Seminary Intern, is helping to lead 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.

Staff note: Mr. Wade will be on vacation through July 29-August 1, and for continuing education August 2 and 3.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care. | Covington Square |
| † Jackie Barboe—Rockdale Medical | † Rita Harrell |
| † Doug Houck's sister—brain surgery | † Joy Knight |
| † Louly Hay, cataract surgery | Nursing Homes: |
| † Charles Ardis—home | † John Cannon, Merryvale |
| † Larkin Arnold-home after surgery | † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor |
| † Becky Ramsey, sister of Alice Walker—home | † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers |
| † Joyce Campos, chemotherapy — close friend of the Schubert Family | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center |
| † Beatrice, friend of Danielle Schubert—hospice care | † Hal Cline |
| † Danny Vining - chemotherapy | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida | Military: |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| | † Mike Laib |
| | † John Rossi |
| | † Renee Boston |

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 25

9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & Baptism

Tuesday, July 27

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, July 28

7:00 Handbells for Fun

Thursday, July 29

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, August 1

9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

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. No Class on Aug 3

Handbells for Fun Rehearsals

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

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.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for August 15, 2010, at the conclusion of the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing 3 members-at-large to the Nominating Committee, including 1 youth. The Nominating Committee will suggest names of people to be considered by the congregation for election as elder to the Class of 2013. The Session has elected 2 members to the Nominating Committee: Jean Blair and Pam Stillerman. The name of the young person to be considered will be placed in nomination by the Youth Committee.

If you have suggestions for the adults to be considered, please give their names to Pam Stillerman or Jean Blair. Remember that nominations may be made from the floor, but not without the prior permission of the nominee.

Back-to-School Needs

The Washington Community Center is asking for donations of pens and pencil erasers for their back to school event. They are preparing 1000 school bags for children and these items will be in the bags. Cathy Dobbs sent this request in hopes that everyone will donate an item or two to help the students. There will be a plastic box in the narthex for collecting these items.

Taizé Service You are invited to participate in a prayer service with Taizé songs, Sunday, July 25th, 6:00 p.m. at the Newborn United Methodist Church, Newborn, Georgia. Directions are Hwy 78 west to Route 11 south to Route 142 east - Newborn, over the railroad tracks first street to left (church is in front of you).

Musicians who wish to participate are asked to be there at 4:00 p.m. rehearsal.-service to begin at 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow the service.

Quarterly Pledge Statements: The second quarter statements are ready for those who pledge. If you do not make a pledge and wish to have a statement please call the church office and one will be prepared for you. The statements are in a basket in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking your statement home saves us 44 cents! If you think there is a mistake on your statement, please bring it to the attention of Peni Haug, so that the issue can be resolved. Thanks.

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:

Laib Family
Weesner Family

Next week:
Stillerman Family
Ann Bouchillon

Hosts:

Jonathan & Lynn Miller

Ushers:

Stephanie Fortson, chair
Jean Oldham

Reed & Penny Blakeney

Sound System:

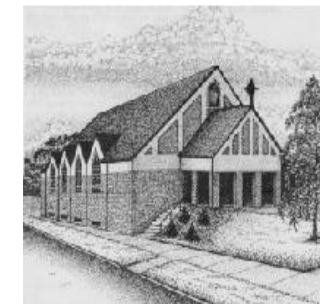
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

| Class of 2010 | Class of 2011 | Class of 2012 |
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| Stephanie Fortson Ruth McDaniel Jonathan Miller Pam Stillerman Gene Wallace | Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner | Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Mac Cranford Judy Hooten Warren Liem |

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 25, 2010

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* David Cherwien
Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID
Alice Walker, organ
We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder American Spiritual
Handbells for Fun and Friends

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We were strangers in a strange land.

We learned to sing and to give God praise.

We were strangers to God.

The prophets guided us and we returned from exile with singing.

God came to us as a stranger,

**and taught us to love others as we are loved,
and to offer welcome as we have been welcomed.**

We are all welcomed in the hospitality of the Lord,
to worship the Lord our God.

**Lord open our hearts that we might experience your
generosity afresh!**

* HYMN 356

NETTLETON

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, you welcome strangers and you welcome each of us to be your children and be your disciples. Help us to be brave disciples so that we may serve Jesus Christ and welcome others. Forgive us when we pass by the lonely, the hungry, the thirsty, the tired, and the discouraged. Forgive us when we fail to see the image of you in the faces of those we encounter each day. Lord, deliver us from living artificial lives to authentic life in Christ. Guide us to extend the hospitality and the welcome that we have received through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)