

* **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579
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 our Lord Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM AMERICAN FOLK SONG
Wayfaring Stranger
 Sophia Hawley, vocal solo and guitar

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
O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 55:10-12
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON Dan Walden
Abundance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 422** Beach Spring
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

* **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 *ABERYSTWYTH* arr. Mark Hayes

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 592
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Holy God, in this moment draw us to yourself and make us aware not so much of what we've given as of all that we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 538** SICILIAN MARINERS
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** AUSTRIAN HYMN
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets



Vacation Bible School
July 11 - 15, 2011; 9 a.m. - Noon

At **SonWorld Adventure Park** your kids will experience the fun and excitement of an amusement park! Children will have a great time singing, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll discover more about who Jesus is and about some important choices everyone has to make. All children who will be rising Pre-K through 5th grades in the coming school year are welcomed. Please take a moment to pick up a **registration form** (from the narthex). Fill it out and give it to Dan Walden today. Speak with Dan after the service today if you need more information or email him at: djwalden@mac.com.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is preaching 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

- † Johnny Burns, Emily Warren & Colleen Sheehan—auto accident (brother and nieces of Cathy Dobbs)
- † Jim Elder—surgery, home
- † Rebecca Risse—ICU at Kenestone Hospital (sister of Carol Stillerman)
- † Jeannie Liem, continuing dialysis concerns
- † Leon Savage—surgery, home
- † Rucker Ginn—Rockdale Health Care Center (father of Amanda Rydel)
- † Betsy Hodgins—home, Macon (daughter of Betty Robinson)
- † Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)
- † Sandy Neisser—multiple leg surgeries over several weeks
- † Patrick Carmichael—home
- † Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)
- † Alton Gaston—cancer, (brother of Carolyn Jordan)
- † 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 Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- † Helen and George Stamps—Benton House
- † Mary Crudup—Benton House
- Military:**
- † Savannah Cannon
- † Mike Laib
- † John Rossi
- † Renee Boston
- † Charles Bailey

Hospital Visitor:
Louly Hay

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 10
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Monday, July 11
 10:30 Ambassador Choir at Salem Camp Meeting
 6:00 Picnic at Salem

Tuesday, July 12
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, Thursday, July 7
 No Ambassador Choir

Sunday, July 10
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Monday-Friday, July 11-15
 9-12 Vacation Bible School

Activities in the Life of the Church

Exercise Class takes place on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are welcome.

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.

Quarterly Statements for those who pledge are available in the narthex today. Please take yours home—it saves our postage budget. If you should find an error or omission, please call Peni Haug in the church office (or send an email) so that your record can be corrected.

Salem Camp Meeting

July 8th - 15th, 2011

Salem Camp Meeting was founded in 1828 and is one of the oldest existing, thriving camp meetings in the nation. The interdenominational camp meeting is a place of peace, where worship, reunion and spiritual renewal can be found.

Worship services are held twice each day in the tabernacle at 11:00 am and 8:00 pm. Guest preachers this year for the camp meeting are **Dr. Don Martin**, current pastor of Alpharetta First UMC and former pastor of Covington First United Methodist Church, and **Dr. Brian Dunks**, pastor of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, TX.

Our own **Ambassador Choir** will be offering the music for morning worship on **Monday, July 11th** at 11:00 am. Ambassador Choir members are asked to meet under the tabernacle at 10:30 am for rehearsal wearing blue golf shirts. Complimentary lunch for choir members will be served after worship in the Salem Hotel.



Monday, July 11th is "Presbyterian Day" at Salem Camp Meeting. We will celebrate with a church-wide picnic at the Ramsey Pavilion beginning at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy good company, fun games, and great food. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Reserve Your Space for the Montreat Retreat

We are now taking reservations for the **Montreat Retreat** which will be held November 4-6. Use the pink 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 20, and the final payment will be due the week before the retreat.

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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Checking Your List for a Summer Trip?

As you are packing to go out of town, please remember to send your offering check to the church. Our overhead continues—even if you are not here! Have a wonderful time wherever you go!



Have Fun
in the Sun!

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 ext. 436, for an appointment, or ask the church staff for more information.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAYSERVING

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Arnold Family
Ann Bouchillon

Next week:

Gregory Family
Loucy/Sam Hay Family

Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Bob & Darcel Tabb
Reed & Penny Blakeney
Grace Ottley

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

Class of 2012
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Day Kennon
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Louly Fowler Hay

Pastor

Parish Associate
Dan Walden
Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

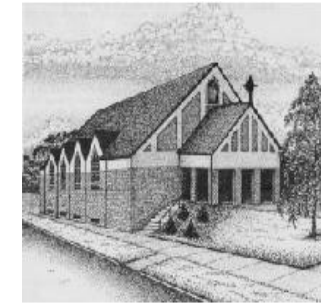
Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker
CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato
Nursery

Krissy Jones
Director of the
Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

July 10, 2011
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Let Streams of Living Justice* Gustav Holst

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live;
We will sing praises to our God while we have
our being.**

Blessed are they who have the God of Jacob for their help; Whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

Who keeps faith forever! Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN 551

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
your grace startles us.**

**Not only is it more than we deserve,
it is more than we can imagine.**

**Again and again you reach out to us,
offering love without boundary,
and mercy without exception.**

**Forgive us for making you too small,
for thinking that you are only our God,
for believing that we have you all figured out.**

**Expand our vision and enlarge our hearts,
that we might grow in love and thanksgiving,
and more nearly follow Jesus our Savior.**

Amen.

(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS