

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death.

But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* *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 Christ surpasses all our understanding.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *I Believe in Ever After* Collins
Liane Bouchillon, solo/VBS Kids
Choose Jesus Collins
VBS Kids
(see insert for words)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 8:31-39
Genesis 4:1-16

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Bedtime Stories: Cain and Abel

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 280 AMAZING GRACE
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God;

we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Franz J. Haydn
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

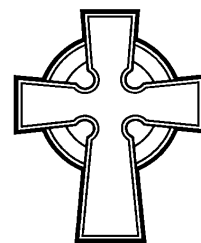
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We offer ourselves to you again, O God, forgiven by your grace, renewed by your Spirit. Lead us now in the path of righteousness, for your name's sake. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 542 TALLIS' CANON
All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Janet Linker



WORSHIP NOTES

- * 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

- † Clarence Price—Newton Medical Center
- † Johnny Burns, Emily Warren & Colleen Sheehan—auto accident (brother and nieces of Cathy Dobbs)
- † Rebecca Risse—home (sister of Carol Stillerman)
- † Jeannie Liem—dialysis
- † Rucker Ginn—Rockdale Health Care Center (father of Amanda Rydel)
- † 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Billy Wade and family in the death of his aunt, Elizabeth McCaskill.

We celebrate with Kevin and Callie Weber for the birth of a son, Benjamin Curington Weber, who was born July 12.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 19

4:00 Exercise Class

Thursday, July 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, July 24

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

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 turned in an Estimate of Giving card last fall, are available in the narthex today. Please take yours home—it saves our postage budget. If you should find an error or omission on your statement, please call Peni Haug in the church office (or send an email) so that your record can be corrected.

Taking Your Generosity to the Next Level

The Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission is sponsoring a seminar on "Taking Your Generosity to the Next Level." The focus will be on questions such as: "How do we create a culture of generosity in our church?" "How can our church focus on mission instead of simply trying to make the budget?" "Why do so few people tithe?" The seminar will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, August 13, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

The details about the speakers and workshops, as well as how to register, through Joy Fisher at the Presbytery Office, can be uploaded by at the Presbytery website: atlpcusa.org and looking for the events list. Copies of the brochure are available through the church office or the Presbytery office from the Presbytery congregational consultants and through Tom Tewel: ttewell@hlipr.org or Sara Hayden: sara.a.hayden@gmail.com.

The cost for the seminar on August 13, from 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M at Trinity Presbyterian in Atlanta, including lunch, is only \$15.00 per person...you can't beat the price!

Oxford College International Host Family Program

Many of you participated in our host family program for our international students last year and made it so successful. We are now looking for volunteers once again for the coming academic year. To be a host family we ask that you: make the initial contact with the student(s) assigned to you, host the student(s) in your home or out to eat for a meal, and host the student(s) to an event in the community (concert, art exhibit, church, other civic event, etc.). From there, the relationship and how it continues is up to you and the student. There will be an introduction and brief orientation as well as a dessert reception for those who sign up to participate on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7pm at Lovern Hall. Lovern Hall is part of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, which sits on the Oxford campus. Please sign up by Monday, August 8th with The Reverend Lyn Pace at ppace@emory.edu or 770.784.8392.

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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 Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street,
 Covington, Georgia 30014

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 TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:
 Gregory Family

Next week:
 Jessup Family
 Ardis Family

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Guy & Carol McGiboney
 Cy & Jean Wolverton

Sound System:

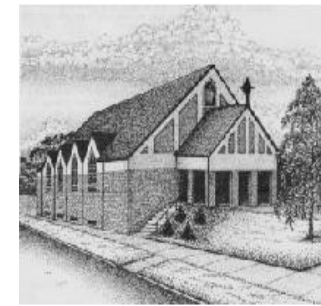
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Jean Blair	Bernice Bailey	Patrick Carmichael
Carol Dunbar	Rebecca Bates	Judy Davis
Rick Gunter	Day Kennon	Denny Dobbs
Jay Lanners	Mac Cranford	Aubrey Evans
Donna Weesner	Judy Hooten	Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

July 17, 2011
 Sixteenth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
Processional on LAUDA ANIMA Don Hustad

INTROIT *He's Still Workin' on Me* Hemphill
 Emily Bunn, solo (see insert for words)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved,
 he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is our keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day,
 nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and for evermore.

Amen.

* HYMN 479 Lyte

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, it is only in the light of your holiness that we see more clearly the depth of our sin. Our actions have been misguided, our thoughts selfish, our motives impure. We have given in to the temptations of this world. We have not listened to your voice. Forgive us, and make us strong in faith, abounding in love, and steadfast in hope; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

(silence for personal reflection)