

\* 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 Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

ANTHEM

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

Acts 8:26-39  
1 John 4:16-19

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Kennon  
*A Balloon in the Jungle*

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

\* HYMN 85

WONDROUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love is This*

\* 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. Indeed, for freedom, Christ has set us free.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

(from Dr. Peter Marshall, former Senate Chaplain and pastor of this church.)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER*

p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 368 African-American spiritual

***I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. (repeat)***

***I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. (repeat)***

***I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul. (repeat)***

\* 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 564

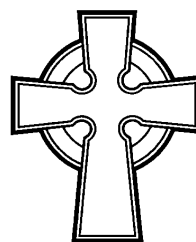
AMERICA

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Rejoice in the Lord* James Mansfield



WORSHIP NOTES

- \* We welcome Larry Kennon as our preacher today.
- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship.
- \* 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

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| †Jeannie Liem, continuing dialysis concerns                          | †Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers                                       |
| † Travis Moss—dental surgery, home                                   | †Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center                            |
| †Rucker Ginn—Rockdale Health Care Center (father of Amanda Rydel)    | † Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens   |
| †Betsy Hodgins—home, Macon (daughter of Betty Robinson)              | †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| †Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)               | †Helen and George Stamps—Benton House                                      |
| †Sandy Neisser—multiple leg surgeries over several weeks             | †Mary Crudup—Benton House <b>Military:</b>                                 |
| †Patrick Carmichael—cancer treatment                                 | †Savannah Cannon   |
| †Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)              | †Mike Laib   |
| †Alton Gaston—cancer, (brother of Carolyn Jordan)                    | †John Rossi  |
| †Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida | †Renee Boston  |
| †Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)    | †Charles Bailey  |

*We celebrate with Dot Fincher on the birth of a great-grandson, Halen Daniel Fincher, son of Ally & Jason Fincher, who was born on June 13; and Jim & Michelle Hillman celebrate the birth of a son, Logan James Hillman. Logan is the grandson of Don & Robin Hillman.*

**Hospital Visitors:**  
*Jim & Jean Elder*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, July 3**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Monday, July 4**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 5**

No Exercise Class

**Wednesday, June 29**

6:30 Steadfast Hope Forum

**Thursday, July 7**

10:30 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

**No Exercise Class this week.**

**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.

### Steadfast Hope: Joining Hands for Justice Wednesday, July 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

FPC presents [Steadfast Hope](#), a conversation about the Palestinian quest for just peace. The conversation will be full of fascinating information about the origins of the **Israeli-Palestinian conflict**, a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground, and a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace. It gives helpful guidance on how your congregation can contribute to the cause of just peace for the people who share the Holy Land.

Discussion leaders are Dr. Joanne Nurss, Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology at Georgia State University, and Walter C. Bryde, CPA.

Join us for desserts and beverages on Wednesday evening.



### Vacation Bible School July 11 - 15, 2011; 9am - 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) or download one from our website at [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org). Fill it out and bring it by the church office as soon as possible so that we will have an accurate count in advance of VBS. Thanks! Call Dan Walden at the church office, or contact him via e-mail at [djwalden@mac.com](mailto:djwalden@mac.com) for more information.

### Ambassador Choir Singing Date

Monday, July 11, 2011 - Sing at Salem Camp Meeting. Please meet under the Tabernacle at 10:30 AM for rehearsal and sing for 11:00 AM Worship Service. Wear blue golf shirts. Complimentary lunch after the service at Salem Hotel. This is a favorite annual activity which you will not want to miss!

### 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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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.

**Summertime** is a time to rest and relax and travel. If you will be away from church during the Summer, please remember to send your offering as our expenses are year-round. Thank you for your good stewardship.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAYSERVING

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Stillerman Family  
Weesner Family  
**Next week:**  
Arnold Family  
Ann Bouchillon

#### Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson  
Donna Weesner

#### Ushers:

Reed & Penny Blakeney  
Joe & Cindy Moon

#### Sound System:

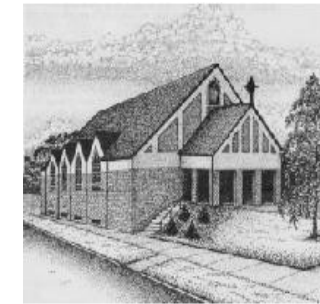
Ken Walker

### 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> <i>Nursery</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>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 3, 2011  
Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Toccata* Johann Ernst Eberlin  
*More Love to Thee, O Christ* Arr. Carolyn Hamlin  
*The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need* Gerald Peterson

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

- \* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 John 4)  
Jesus, our Lord is the source of our freedom.  
**Lord, your perfect love casts out our fear.**  
The call to freedom has been sounded  
**May we respond as the community of the free.**  
Such concerns each one of us personally in our place, in our country, in our humanity, in this world of ours.  
**Lord, may the spirit and gift of your freedom break the spell of our fears and make us obedient servants, lovers of life, and your disciples forever.**

- \* HYMN 420 CWM RHONDDA  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Freedom and Peace, you have called us to be a Shalom people — set free to bring peace among the nations and to love one another. We confess that we have not always lived out our calling. Out of fear, we have ignored the challenges of witness and the opportunities for peace making. We avoid controversy. We refuse to speak up for the truth. We are too tolerant of war and violence. We are people divided against ourselves — as a church and as a nation. We cling to the values of our broken world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen. (silence for personal reflection)**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- \* 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.**