

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, you dance among us in joy, inviting us into the mystery that you are. Yet we want understanding; we want answers. Forgive our thickness. Encircle us in your oneness, and teach us to trust you with abandon, as we invite others to join the dance.

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 *A Simple Song* from "Mass" Leonard Bernstein
Cheryl Hagymassy and Alice Walker

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

Oh God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

SERMON Sarah F. Erickson
Dancing with the Trinity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 132** *Come, Great God, of All the Ages* ABBOT'S LEIGH

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new
earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice
that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of
your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry
Cheryl Hagymassy and Alice Walker

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

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we
have is Thine, alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*
NICAEA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *Recessional on HYFRYDOL* Burkhardt

WORSHIP NOTES

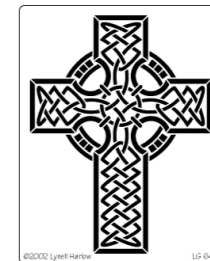
*The Rev. Sarah F. Erickson has served in the Center for Life long learning at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA since June 2003. She is co-developer of the Youth Leadership Ministry Initiative, a partnership between the seminary and the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, serves as team leader 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. A native of Cleveland, OH, she has spent most of her adult life in the southern U.S. Sarah's family includes sons Adam and Peter, who both serve in the U.S. Army.

*Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, is assisting with worship today.

*Our guest violinist today is Cheryl Hagymassy of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Cheryl is a music teacher who is accomplished on piano, violin, and viola. She plays in two Asheville area symphonies and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hendersonville Symphony. She is married to Jules, a retired Dow Chemical Company executive, and the mother of three adult daughters. The Hagymassys are friends of the Dunbars.

*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

† Elizabeth Martin-Study in Morroco
† Pat Patrick's mother - slight stroke
† Jean Oldham - home
† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer
† Grace Ann Norton, Steve Norton's mother - chemo therapy
† Jerry Walden, Dan Walden's father - at home
† 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 - Eastside Heritage
† 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 Linda Boyd.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Exercise Class will not meet again until Tuesday, June 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Church Family Picnic: Join us for the first fun-filled family picnic of the summer at the home of Linda and Spencer Boyd, 4178 Highway 81, SW. Reserve Sunday, June 14th for family swimming and friendly games. And of course there will be a feast, great fellowship and lots of fun. The church is bringing bar-b-cue for sandwiches and beverages--you bring side dishes, desserts to share, and a chair to relax in beside the pool or under the cool breezes of the beautiful trees. The swimming and fun begins at 4:30 p.m. with the picnic at 6:00 p.m. Directions to the Boyds' home are on the table in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

<p>Sunday, June 7 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Wednesday, June 10 6:00 Whippoorwill Farms Information/Samples 6:30 Speaker & Study on "Caring for Creation"</p>	<p>Thursday, June 11 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Sunday, June 14 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 4:30 Pool Party 6:00 Picnic</p>
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BIG TENT CELEBRATION

All members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in the Big Tent celebration in Atlanta, Thursday, June 11. The Big Tent is a first-of-its kind event, "a denominational event", "a big Presbyterian family reunion." The event will be celebratory, diverse, participatory and inspirational.

On Thursday evening, Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Homiletics at Columbia Theological Seminary will preach the opening worship service at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. The closing worship service will be late Saturday afternoon, featuring a massed choir from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and the celebration of communion. The event will conclude in Centennial Park.

If you would like to participate in any way, please call the church office, 770-786-7321.

MONTREAT RETREAT registration forms (yellow) are available in the narthex. Fill them out as instructed and return to the church office as soon as you are able.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will take place July 13-17 from 9 a.m. - noon. Mark your calendar and plan for your children to attend. Speak with Debra Arnold or Rebecca Bates for more information.

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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FATHER'S DAY CHOIR: All FPC fathers are invited to sing in the Father's Day choir on Sunday, June 21. We'll meet in the choir room at 9:45 am for rehearsal, and then we'll sing during the worship service at 11 am. No vocal experience necessary. Just show up and sing your best! Questions? Call or email Alan Bunn at 770.891.0235 or abunn@jackson.k12.ga.us

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Jessup Family
Ardis Family

Next week:

Stephanie Scarborough
Angie Venham

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortner
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Reed & Penny Blakeney,
chair

J. L. Johnson
Leon Hughes

Sound System

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2009

Doug Bolton
Elizabeth Daniell
Terri Digby
Lane Dobbs
Barbara Johnson
Bill Loeble
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2010

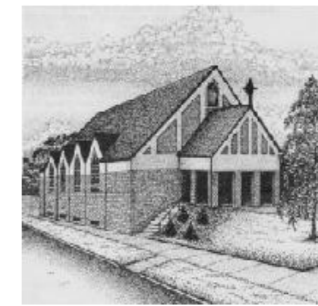
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

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 & 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
June 7, 2009
Trinity Sunday

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fantasia in G (Piece d'Orgue)* J. S. Bach
Alice Walker, organ
Simple Gifts Shaker Song
Spiritual American Spiritual
Cheryl Hagymassy, violin and Alice Walker, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Waiting for the touch of the wind,

We find the Spirit.

Blowing in our lives, disturbing and rearranging,

The Spirit finds us.

Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset,

We meet the Creator.

Seeing brother and sister creatures with wings, scales and fur,

The Creator meets us.

In the breaking of the bread, and the pouring of water,

We meet the Redeemer.

In our work to seek the lost and heal the hurt,

The Redeemer meets us.

As one people let us worship God, Creator, Redeemer and Spirit!

* HYMN *Psalm 29 A Hymn*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

All on earth and all in heaven,

Raise to God a song on high;

Strength unmeasured, love unbounded,

God alone we glorify.

At God's voice the clouds assemble,

Thunder roars and torrents fall;

Earth shall quake before God's presence,

Mountains tremble at God's call.

Trees shall bow in awe and wonder,

Bend their branches to the group;

From God's lips one word in anger

Wreaks destruction all around.

But the Word which sets in motion

Such travails can make them cease;

That same voice which tumult beckons

In a gentler breath speaks peace.

(from The Psalter, by Michael Morgan; used by permission)