

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Devotion* Beck
Katie Marks, solo Alice Walker, piano

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 Song of Solomon 8:6-7
I Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
'Tis the Season

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 335 O WALY WALY
Though I May Speak

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith IX.1
Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Arioso* J. S. Bach

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356, stanza 1
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, illumine our lives by your Holy Spirit, that we may know and others may see your life in ours; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 535 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION Isaiah 55:12
Go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

* POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Joseph Mouret

**Steadfast Hope:
Joining Hands for Justice**
Wednesdays, June 29th & 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 two successive Wednesday evenings.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * We welcome Katie Marks to our service this morning. Katie will be singing a solo. She lives in Mansfield and is a student at Georgia State University, majoring in Speech. After graduation she plans to work in Speech Pathology.
- * 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">†Jeannie Liem, surgery in July† Travis Moss—dental surgery, home†Rucker Ginn—Rockdale Health Care Center (father of Amanda Rydel)†Betsy Hodgins—hospital, 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)†Courteney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister) <p>Covington Square
†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight</p> <p>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">†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 <p>Military:
†Savannah Cannon
†Mike Laib
†John Rossi
†Renee Boston
†Charles Bailey</p> <p><i>We celebrate with Sarah Prince who received her doctoral degree in Women's Studies from Emory University on June 20. Sarah is the daughter of Fran Prince.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hospital Visitor:
<i>Linda Boyd</i></p> |
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THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| <p>Sunday, June 26
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Swimming at Boyd's
6:00 Picnic</p> <p>Tuesday, June 28
4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, June 29
6:30 Steadfast Hope Forum</p> | <p>Thursday, June 30
No Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Sunday, July 3
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Monday, July 4
Church Office Closed</p> |
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Activities in the Life of the Church

Exercise Class: The class will meet on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

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.

Foundation Builders Class: Today the class begins a study of the *Chronicles of Narnia* beginning with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."



**Bring Your Swimsuits, Towels & Chairs For Relaxing.
It's Time For Our First Picnic Of The Summer!!!!**

Join us **TODAY** at the Home of

Linda and Spencer Boyd
4176 Highway 81 SW
Covington, GA
770-787-3350

**SWIMMING AND FELLOWSHIP BEGIN AT 4:00 p.m.
DINNER AT 6:00 p.m.**

Congregational Life & Care Will Provide Fried Chicken,
Tea, Ice And Paper Products

You Provide Sandwiches, Casseroles, Salads
or Desserts to Share

**COME AND BRING LOTS OF FRIENDS FOR
SWIMMING, GAMES, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

Jean Blair
678-342-4377

Bernice Bailey
770-786-3048

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.

Youth Summer Feeding and Enrichment Program will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Covington. There is no charge and children age 4-12 may attend. Dates: June 20-July 15, from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call 770-786-8229, for questions or to register. The program director is Genae Martin and the pastor is the Rev. Hezekiah Benton.

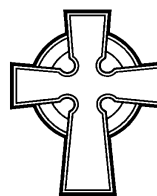
WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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.



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAYSERVING

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Laib Family
Loeble Family
Next week:
Stillerman Family
Weesner Family

Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Reed & Penny Blakeney
Joe & Cindy Moon

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

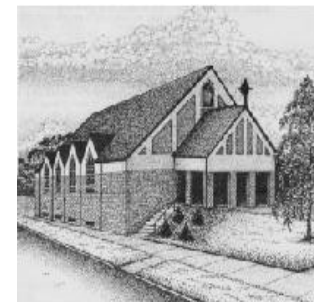
Class of 2011
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

June 26, 2011
Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune in D Major* Jeremiah Clarke
Canon in D ("The Celebrated Canon") Johann Pachelbel
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach
The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the presence of God to join our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to the One who loves us steadfastly,
**the One who is faithful to us always,
the One who keeps us from this day forth and forever more.**

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* HYMN 464

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have created us for life together, giving us as gifts to one another. But it has not always been easy for us. Often we are not patient or kind. We become irritable and resentful. We act with arrogance or rudeness. We insist on our own way. Forgive us. Fill our hearts with your grace that we may live in gratitude, and love you and others more nearly as you love us; through Christ our Lord. 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.