

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Exercise Class** meets Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The class is led by Pam Stillerman and is open to adults.

**Adventure Club** meets on Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45 p.m.

**Mid-week Feast:** This week's menu will be: barbeque sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and fried chicken. Bring a dessert and join us! **Please remember to make reservations on the forms in the pew racks!**

**The Wednesday Study Group** is studying a DVD Study Series, **Science and Religion**, taught by Dr. Lawrence M. Principe of Johns Hopkins University. Join your fellow church members at 6:45 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

**Youth Prayer Breakfast:** All Middle and High School youth are invited to join us for a Prayer Breakfast at Chick-fil-A on Hwy 278.

- † Thursday mornings at 7:15 a.m. when school is in session.
- † A ride to school after breakfast will be provided.
- † **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Desk Needed:** The Food Pantry is in need of a desk. If you know of one we can have, please call the church office.

**Montreat Retreat** registration forms are available in the narthex. Fill them out as instructed and return to the church office as soon as you are able.

### Presbyterian Youth Connection Presents The Sixth Annual...

## A Taste of New Orleans

Join us for a dining experience beyond compare as the Martin Fellowship Hall is transformed into a cozy bistro in the French Quarter. Relax to the joyful sound of zydeco music while members of the Youth Connection serve you a sumptuous feast of bonafide New Orleans cuisine straight from the menu of world-famous Copeland's Restaurant!!

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church – Covington  
**When:** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 9:00 pm

This event is a cooperative effort by the Youth Connections at the First Presbyterian Church and the Gum Creek Presbyterian Church. ALL PROCEEDS will be used to offset the costs of this year's Montreat Youth Conference for these young people who will attend the conference together.

\*\*\*Reservations are **REQUIRED** for this event. \*\*\*  
To make a reservation, please contact Dan Walden at 770-786-7321, or via e-mail: [djwalden@charter.net](mailto:djwalden@charter.net)

**Lessez Le Bon Temps Rouler!!  
Let The Good Times Roll!!**

### 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.

You can FAX us at 770-786-6596

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### DEMONSTRATION OF NEW MIDI

Immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday, Organist Alice Walker will demonstrate the new Musical Instrumental Digital Interface which has recently been installed on the FPC Wick Pipe Organ. All are invited to hear and celebrate some of the many aesthetic possibilities of this amazing new sound module!

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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

Laib Family  
Weesner Family

**Next week:**  
Stillerman Family  
Ann Bouchillon

#### Hosts:

Terri & John McCarthy

#### Ushers:

Rick Gunter, chair  
Joe Cannelongo  
Warren and Jeannie Liem

#### 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

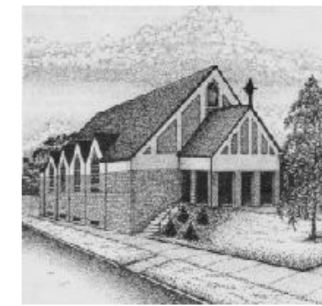
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

#### 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 &amp; 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

May 10, 2009

Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Graduate Sunday

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Dan Miller

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *O Sing to the Lord* Brazilian Folk Song  
Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from *A Celtic Liturgy*

Come to us this day, O God.  
**Come to us with light.**  
Speak to us this day, O God.  
**Speak to us your truth.**  
Abide with us this day, O God.  
**Abide with us in love.**

\* HYMN 461 *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION from Romans 7

I do not understand my own actions.  
I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.  
**I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.**  
**Who will deliver me?**

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you search us and know us.**  
**You know the secrets of our hearts,**  
**even better than we do.**  
**You know how we have run away from your call;**  
**still you are ready to receive us again,**  
**ready to use us again.**

**In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander.**

**Fashion us by your Spirit**  
**into vessels fit for good use;**  
**that we may bear faithfully**  
**what you have entrusted to our care—**  
**treasures of Christ's saving work**  
**for a lost and broken world.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ  
**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**When I call, answer me.**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**Come, and listen to me.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Romans 8  
 What then shall we say to this?  
**If God is for us, who is against us?**  
 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation; will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 335, stanza 3  
**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,**  
**Our spirits long to be made whole.**  
**Let inward love guided every deed;**  
**By this we worship and are freed.**

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 Geschke  
*Ring Jubilee*  
 Handbell Choir

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 from *A Celtic Liturgy*  
 O God, as these words are read,  
**in our hearts may we feel your presence.**

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-7  
**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice.**  
**Let all people know your forbearance.**  
**The Lord is at hand.**  
**Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*What Are You Going to Do?*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRESENTATION TO THE GRADUATES

\* HYMN 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

\* 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 339, stanza 1  
**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**  
**Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art --**  
**Thou my best thought, by day or by night,**  
**Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* Early American Tune

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Gracious God, move in our hearts that we may be ambassadors of your forgiving and reconciling power in the world, for we pray in Jesus' name.**  
**Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE  
 stanzas 2 and 3

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 540

\* POSTLUDE *Carillon de Westminster* Louis Vierne

**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Children's and Youth 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**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Sandy Neisser - home</li> <li>† Lelia Raines - surgery</li> <li>† Jean Oldham - home</li> <li>† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer</li> <li>† Grace Ann Norton, Steve Norton's mother - chemo therapy</li> <li>† Jerry Walden , Dan Walden's father - at home</li> <li>† John Braden - heart transplant needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Assisted Living:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Rita Harrell and</li> <li>† Joy Knight -Covington Square</li> </ul> <p><b>Nursing Homes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Sarah Chesnut and</li> <li>† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor</li> <li>† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center</li> <li>† Hal Cline - Eastside Heritage</li> <li>† Allene Burton,</li> <li>† Russ Cole and</li> <li>† Lou Wolf - Riverside</li> <li>† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville</li> </ul> <p><b>Military:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† David and Savannah (Cannon) Rickert</li> <li>† Mike Laib</li> <li>† James Post (friend of Schubert family)</li> </ul> <p><i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.</i></p> |
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**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

<p><b>Sunday, May 10</b>  <b>Mother's Day Graduate Sunday</b>          9:45 Sunday School          11:00 Worship Service</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 12</b>          4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 13</b>          4:00 Adventure Club          6:00 Mid-week Feast          6:30 Handbell Rehearsal          6:45 Study Group</p>	<p>7:15 Choir</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 14</b>          7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast          10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, May 15</b>  <b>4:00 Bistro Set-up</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, May 16</b>  <b>Montreat Bistro</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, May 17</b>          9:45 Sunday School          11:00 Worship Service</p>
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**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Sarah Lanners      Matthew Daniell  
 Liz Stillerman      Nathan Harvill  
 Meghann Timmins      Robert Hendershott  
 Jodi Walden  
 Kaylie Waters

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Tom Stillerman, Presbyterian College  
 Grady Wade, University of Georgia