

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* Jennings  
Sanctuary Choir

*With a voice of singing, declare ye and tell this;  
utter it even to the end of the earth, Hallelujah!  
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.  
Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands.  
Sing forth the honor of His name;  
make His praise glorious.  
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.*

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 LESSON Luke 24:44-53  
Acts 1:1-11

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton  
*Now What?*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 369 African-American Spiritual  
*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *A Declaration of Faith*, 4.5

**We are certain that Jesus lives.  
He lives as God with us,  
touching all of human life with the  
presence of God.  
He lives as one of us with God.  
Because he shares our humanity  
and has bound himself to us in love,  
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.  
We declare that Jesus is Lord.  
His resurrection is a decisive victory over the**

**powers that deform and destroy human life.  
His lordship is hidden.  
The world appears to be dominated by people and  
systems that do not acknowledge his rule.  
But his lordship is real.  
It demands our loyalty and sets us free  
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.  
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty  
now belongs to Jesus Christ  
in every sphere of life.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now he is Lord.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Come, Lord Jesus* Short

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great and mighty God, we praise you that  
Christ has ascended to rule at your right hand.  
We rejoice before the throne of his power and  
peace, for he has put down tyrannies that would  
destroy us, and unmasked idols claiming our al-  
legiance. We thank you that he alone is Lord of  
our lives. By your Spirit, give us freedom to  
love with his love, and to embrace the world  
with his compassion. Accept the offering of our  
lives, that we may obey your commands to  
serve in the name and for the sake of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 151 DIADEMATA  
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness* GENEVA

\* POSTLUDE *Festive Alleluia* McDowell

### WORSHIP NOTES

- \* The Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton was ordained in 1984 and served churches in New Jersey and Chicago. She was Associate Pastor of Central Presbyterian in Atlanta and Pastor of Grace Covenant in Asheville, NC. She now serves as Director of Contextual Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. She is the mother of Jonathan, 22, and Katherine, 13.
- \* Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, is assisting with the worship service 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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| † Mary Crudup—Emory Hospital   | † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor   |
| † Danny Vining - chemotherapy  | † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers   |
| † Paige Carmichael (daughter of Patrick & Janet Carmichael) - surgery  | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center  |
| † Pat Duttweiler—(mother of Michael Duttweiler) surgery                | † Hal Cline   |
| † Peggy Roark—(wife of John Roark) - home                              | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville   |
| † Frances Ivey—sprained ankle  | <b>Military:</b>  |
| † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida        | † David and Savannah Rickert  |
| † Alice Walker—home  | † Mike Laib   |
| † B.C. Crowell—home  | † John Rossi  |
| † Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident.                     | <i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Meg Gazzola - a good friend of Buncie &amp; Jay Lanners - who died last week.</i> |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | <i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.</i>  |
- Covington Square**  
† Rita Harrell  
† Joy Knight  
**Nursing Homes:**  
† John Cannon, Merryvale

### THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| <b>Sunday, May 16</b><br>9:30 Children's Choir<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service   | <b>Thursday, May 20</b><br>7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast<br>10:30 Ambassador Choir<br>11:30 Prayer Group  |
| <b>Tuesday, May 18</b><br>4:00 Exercise Class   | <b>Sunday, May 23</b><br>9:30 Children's Choir<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service with Confirmation & Communion<br>6:00 Montreat Meeting for Youth and Parents at Gum Creek Presbyterian Church |
| <b>Wednesday, May 19</b><br>4:00 Adventure Club<br>6:00 Mid-Week Feast<br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:00 Study Group<br>7:15 Sanctuary Choir |   |

## Activities in the Life of the Church

**An Exercise Class** is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

**Mid-Week Feast:** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: barbeque pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and chips. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation on the form in the pew rack. You may also call the church office or register from the website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

**DVD Lecture Series:** The Mid-Week DVD Lecture series, "The History of Christian Theology," taught by Dr. Philip Cary, takes place at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings after the 1. Mid-Week Feast. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. This week's lecture is: "Catholic Mystical Theology."

**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. The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon** in the Parlor. You are invited to join us.

### Early Learning Center Graduation

Our Pre-K class will be graduating on Thursday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to share in the celebration with the children, parents and teachers.

### Pentecost

Next Sunday is Pentecost. Several young people will be confirmed and the congregation will celebrate communion for this special day.



### MINI-GALA FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

After the Hays have hosted the Hospital Gala, Louly has invited the women to enjoy their lovely home for our salad supper. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 25<sup>TH</sup> at 6:00 pm. Circle leaders will ask their members to bring a salad. Following dinner we will summarize our study of Joshua with a covenant service. A group of young ladies have been meeting and we are hoping that many of these gals will join us.

### T-Shirts

Do you have your "Sinfully" Proud to be a Presbyterian T-shirt? If not, they may be ordered or purchased for \$10 from Warren and Jeanie Liem or Donna Weesner. A sincere thank you to those who already are proudly wearing their T-shirts.

### 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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**Got match box cars, baseball hats, or reading glasses** in new or in good used condition? The kids and elderly of Nicaragua would love to have them. I am returning to Nicaragua this summer and will be collecting items to take. We also can take in small containers of shampoo, soap, lotion, tooth paste, band aids, combs and brushes, hair bands and ribbons, rubber bands and other toiletries. If an item you think of is not on this list, please ask me. There are things like razors that we cannot take into the country. There is a collection box in which to place your items. Call if you have questions: Judy Davis 770-464-4025.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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

Hawley Family  
Loeble Family

**Next week:**  
Laib Family  
Weesner Family

#### Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

#### Ushers:

Carol & Ellis Dunbar, chair  
Karen Laib & Kevin Bates

#### Sound System:

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

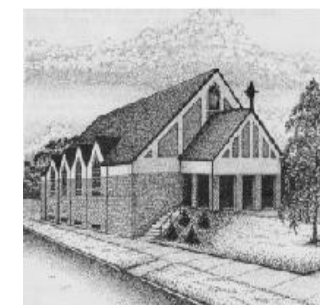
**Class of 2010**  
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

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

**Class of 2012**  
Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Warren Liem

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

May 16, 2010  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Andante Cantabile* Mendelssohn

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness* GENEVA  
Sanctuary Choir

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**The Lord, the Most High is awesome. God rules over all people.**

God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God. We gather as God's people—all the shields of the earth belong to God.**

### \* HYMN 144

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world. With all that we have and all that we are, we have failed to glorify him. Forgive us, and raise us from sin. Help us to live as your faithful people. Teach us again to live his way of love and justice. May your church glorify Jesus Christ, for we are his body in the world. We pray in his name. Amen.**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*