

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. May 20, is the last day for this school year.

Mid-week Feast: This week's menu will be: baked pork tenderloin and chicken, green beans, yellow rice and glazed carrots. 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 (yellow) are available in the narthex. Fill them out as instructed and return to the church office as soon as you are able.

New Prayer Group An organizational meeting for a new Prayer Group will be held on Thursday, May 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Church Parlor. The purpose of the group will be to pray weekly for thirty minutes for the needs of the church and community. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please call Grace Ottley at 770-369-4179 or Alice Walker at 770-787-6915.

DEMONSTRATION OF NEW MIDI

Following the 11:00 AM Worship Service on May 31, Day of Pentecost, Alice Walker, Organist, will briefly explain and sample for listeners some of the 300 beautiful new sounds on the new Allen Vista Musical Instrument Digital Interface recently installed on the Wicks Pipe Organ in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. All are invited to attend this 12-minute presentation of the capabilities of our expanded organ.

Happy Birthday to Sandy Elder, whose birthday (5/23) was inadvertently left out of the May "First Press."

If your birthday has been left out, perhaps we don't have your birth date in our data base. Call the church office and give us your date, including year, so we don't miss your special day.

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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Saints to Meet for Lunch

The Saints will meet on Thursday, May 28, at 11:20 at the church to travel together to Nick and Jim's barbecue in Conyers. (If you want to meet us at the restaurant be there at about 11:45.) Please call Diane Loeble so that she can make reservations. Her number is: 770-385-9296.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Stillerman Family
Ann Bouchillon

Next week:

Arnold Family
Sam/Loucy Hay Family

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Rick Gunter, chair
Joe Cannelongo
Shaun Evans

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

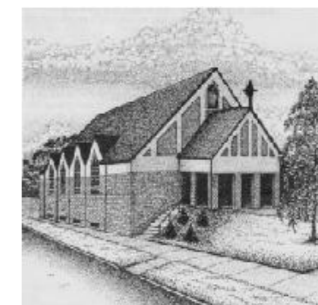
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

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

May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!* DUKE STREET
Oh, What Their Joy O QUANTA QUALIA
Beautiful Savior SILESIA FOLK TUNE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
Declare God's glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

* HYMN 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O for a thousand tongues to sing our gratitude for your amazing grace, Lord, to sing the old, old songs that we have loved so well, to tell the old, old story that becomes the new, new song as fresh and urgent as today. But often we refuse to sing, to tell the story. We grow silent or resentful or calculating. Often we cannot sing of amazement, awe, or gratitude, cannot hear old songs or old stories because our tongues must speak about hurts that are deep, fears that are massive, hates that are torrid, alienation that is heavy. So, Lord, loosen our tongues as you heal our souls, that we may speak again with a thousand tongues, a million, a billion tongues to sing our dear Redeemer's praise. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON
Hymn 466, stanza 2
**Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

* 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 *Sing Praise to Christ* J. S. Bach
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Sing praise to Christ, the Lord; sing praise!
Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King!
Adore Him forever, and worship His name!*

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 READING Psalm 98:3

SERMON The Rev. Al Myers
So Great a Miracle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 244 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* MONKLAND

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of hymnal

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Jay Lanners

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

RESPONSE Hymn 276

Stanza 1 - Barbara Hubbard, solo
refrain - choir and congregation (next column)

Refrain (all):
**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is
Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Praise to the Lord* David Cherwien

* DOXOLOGY
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**O God, as David brought up the Ark of the Cove-
nant with dancing and singing, we also rejoice in
bringing our gifts. Let them overflow from our
hearts in thanksgiving for your grace and good-
ness; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Lord, Mighty God* EDELWEISS

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* POSTLUDE *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Session will meet today, immediately after wor-
ship, in the Martin Fellowship Hall.



Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes

If you weren't here on Mother's Day and would like to turn in
your offering for Presbyterian Homes, please mark your check
or envelope "Mother's Day" and it will be sent in with the
\$1,428.00 that has already been collected. Thanks!

WORSHIP NOTES

- * The Rev. Al Myers is our guest preacher 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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| † Sandy Neisser - home | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale
Health Care Center |
| † Lelia Raines - home | † Hal Cline - Eastside Heritage |
| † Jean Oldham - home | † Allene Burton, |
| † Joe Hughes, brother of Leon
Hughes - lung cancer | † Russ Cole and |
| † Grace Ann Norton, Steve
Norton's mother - chemo
therapy | † Lou Wolf - Riverside |
| † Jerry Walden , Dan Walden's
father - at home | † Gretchen Buendia -
Parkwood Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center,
Snellville |
| † John Braden - heart trans-
plant needed | Military: |

Assisted Living:

- † Rita Harrell and
- † Joy Knight -Covington
Square

Nursing Homes:

- † Sarah Chesnut and
- † Sarah Hooten - Covington
Manor
- † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens,
Conyers

- † 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 Cy Wolverton.*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 17

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 Session Meeting
- 5:00 Young Adults to Meet

Tuesday, May 19

- 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 20

- 4:00 Adventure Club
- 6:00 Mid-week Feast
- 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:45 Study Group
- 7:15 Choir

Thursday, May 21

- 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, May 24

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Parents Meeting for
Youth Conference at
Montreat

Young Adults at FPC come gather for fun and
fellowship tonight from 5:00-7:00 in the Fellowship
Hall. Bring a dish and a friend. The preschool kids
will be with Maria downstairs in the nursery and k-5th
will meet upstairs in the youth room for a lesson and
games. Bring a sack supper for your children and join
us for a time to get to know each other!