

Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

- * 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

- * GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579
- * THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 According to John's gospel, after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples who were huddled in fear behind closed doors. He said to them: "Peace be with you." For generations, disciples of Jesus have offered Christ's peace to one another in worship. The peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- ANTHEM *I Shall Not Be Moved* *arrange by Parker*
Sanctuary Choir
Glory Hallelujah, I shall not be moved,
Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
I shall not be moved.
In His love abiding, I shall not be moved.
And in Him confiding, I shall not be moved,
Though all Hell assail me, I shall not be moved.
Though the tempest rages, I shall not be moved.
On the Rock of Ages, I shall not be moved.
Hallelujah! I shall not be moved!

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

Micah 4:1-4
 (pew Bible, p. 864)

Luke 19:41-42
 (pew Bible, p. 83)

Philippians 4:7
 (pew Bible, p. 198)

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.
The Things that Make for Peace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- * HYMN 562 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Brief Statement of Faith
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
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!"

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, All Christians, Be Committed*
DAVID LOWE

- * DOXOLOGY
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of our lives, through all the circling years, we trust in you. Give us wisdom to discern your holy will and faith to follow in the paths along which you lead us; and give us the peace beyond our understanding, for we pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * HYMN 447 *Lead On, O King Eternal*
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL RESPONSE *Tallis' Canon* *TALLIS*
- * POSTLUDE *Prelude in B-Flat* J. S. BACH

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † 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 <p>Assisted Living:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Rita Harrell and † Joy Knight -Covington Square <p>Nursing Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Sarah Chesnut and † Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † 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 <p>Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † David and Savannah (Cannon) Rickert † Mike Laib † James Post (friend of Schubert family) <p><i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Mary Bollinger.</i></p> |
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THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| <p>Sunday, May 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Parents Meeting for Montreat Youth Conference <p>Monday, May 25
 Memorial Day
 Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 Exercise Class | <p>Wednesday, May 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Study Group 7:15 Choir <p>Thursday, May 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Ambassador Choir <p>Sunday, May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service |
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Presbyterian Women's Annual Salad Supper



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All Circles and Women of the Church will enjoy the Annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. Volunteer designees from each circle will provide the food which is always delicious. The program will include the dedication of the Least Coin and the Annual Birthday Offering which has been a special mission of PW since 1922. Installation of the new officers for the next two years will take place and the recipient of the Honorary Life Membership Award will be announced. Ladies, please join us for an evening of fun, good food and an inspirational uplift. See you there!

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.

OUR LAST MID WEEK FEAST FOR THIS SEASON WILL BE MAY 27. Clarence is preparing spaghetti, tossed salad and garlic bread. Bring a dessert to share. **Please fill out a reservation form found in the pew and join us for this time of great fellowship and great food.**

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.

HANDBELL CHOIR rehearsals are over for this season. Rehearsals will begin again once school is back in session.

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!**

SUMMER PICNIC PLANS

Two Sunday picnics are planned with swimming and lots of summertime fun -- one in June and one in August. Watch the bulletins and newsletter for the dates, times and locations.

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.

DEMONSTRATION OF NEW MIDI

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

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.

Saints to Meet for Lunch

The Saints will meet at the church on Thursday, May 28, at 11:20 to travel together to Nick and Jim's barbecue in Conyers. (Or you may meet us at the restaurant about 11:45.) Please call Diane Loebler at 770-385-9296 to make reservations..

**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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WORSHIP NOTES

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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Arnold Family
Sam/Loucy Hay Family

Next week:

Gregory Family
Lewis Family

Hosts:

Lynn and Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Rick Gunter, chair
Joe Cannelongo
Warren and Jeanie Liem

Sound System

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2009

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

Class of 2010

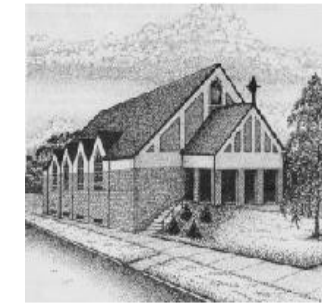
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

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 24, 2009

Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* DIANE BISH
CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *I've Got Peace Like a River* African
Sanctuary Choir American Spiritual

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 33:13-21

The Lord looks down from heaven;
God sees all humankind.
From where the Lord sits enthroned,
the Lord watches all the inhabitants of the earth -
the One who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope of victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

**Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in God's steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord who is our help and shield.
**Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust
God's holy name.**

* HYMN 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although
Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people
divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a
broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay
waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and
jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against
neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse your
gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and rea-
son, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.