

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: turkey and dressing, broccoli and sweet potatoes. 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!**

Presbyterian Women's Circles meet this Tuesday, May 5: **Lesson 9** will be presented and discussed.

Circle I meets at Ann Bouchillon's at 10:00 a.m.
770-786-4932

Circle II meets at Frances Ivey's at 10:00 a.m.
770-787-8158

Circle III meets at Ann Savage's at 7:00 p.m. 770-786-8058

Circle IV meets at Jean Blair's at 10:30 a.m. 678-342-4377

The 31-rank **Wicks Pipe Organ** in our sanctuary has recently been expanded by the addition of a MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), a new digital electronic component which has added 300 new sounds. For at least four years, Alice Walker has dreamed of having a MIDI on the organ. After two years of intensive planning and research, Jim Ingram, with the Allen Organ Company, in conjunction with the Wicks Pipe Organ Company and Peterson Electronic Musical Products Company, has installed the MIDI. The resulting blend of pipes and digital sounds is splendid. The MIDI has the capability of recording and playback of the music, as well as transposing from key to key. The MIDI advantages for the organist are almost unlimited, and it will greatly enhance our worship experiences and concerts. Many new sounds will be heard in coming weeks, and Alice asks your patience as she learns to access all the new possibilities. This excellent gift to greatly enhance our outstanding pipe organ has been made possible by a very generous donation to First Presbyterian Church to the Glory of God by Carol and Ellis Dunbar.

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.

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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Covington, Georgia 30014

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 for an appointment, or ask the church staff for information.

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:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

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

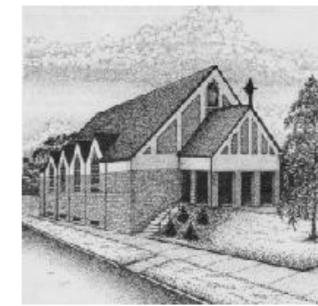
Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. *Pastor*
Louly F. Hay *Parish Associate*
Dan Walden *Director of Youth and Children's Ministry*
Peni Haug *Secretary-Treasurer*

Alan Bunn *Choir Director*
Alice Walker *CAGO, AAGO, Organist & Ambassador*
Aubrey Elliott & Maria Serrato *Nursery*
Deana Graham *Director, ELC*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
Order of Worship

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Gayden Sikes
Crown Him with Many Crowns Marilyn Arison
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Folk Song from India

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia!* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God!

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*
OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way.

Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your bounteous table. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579

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 *Psalm 23* Pote
Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And in the house of my God I will live forever.

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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Church of the Good Shepherd

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
NETTLETON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from *A Brief Declaration of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and

the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**
**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Excerpt from
The Unaccompanied Suites for Cello, BWV 1007-1012 J. S. Bach
Grace Lee, cello

* DOXOLOGY
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, as you have shared life and love with us, lead us to share ourselves, that in the giving of our lives others may recognize your love. Bless these gifts and make them useful in Christ's service, for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN *Jesus Calls Us (insert)* GALILEE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia!* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE
Festival Alleluia on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* Dan Miller

WORSHIP NOTES

- * The Rev. Louly F. Hay, Parish Associate, 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.
- * The Prayer of Confession is from "Call to Worship" vol. 37.1

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

† Lelia Raines - surgery	† Hal Cline - Eastside Heritage
† Jean Oldham - Morgan Hospital Rehabilitation Center	† 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 transplant needed	

Assisted Living:

† Rita Harrell and
† Joy Knight - Covington Square

Nursing Homes:

† Sarah Chesnut and
† Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor
† Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Margie Rutherford - Rockdale Health Care Center

Military:

† David and Savannah (Cannon) Rickert
† Mike Laib
† James Post (friend of Schubert family)

Jean Oldham's temporary address:

*Morgan Memorial Hospital
Rehabilitation Center
1077 S. Main Street
Madison, GA 30650*

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Sleeping Beauty	Wednesday, May 6 7:15 Choir
Tuesday, May 5 Circles Meet-see back pg. 4:00 Exercise Class	Thursday, May 7 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Wednesday, May 6 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:30 Handbell Rehearsal 6:45 Study Group	Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day Graduate Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Congregational Lunch Today, the Witness Team will host lunch immediately following the worship service. Roast beef, mashed potatoes and green beans will be served. The entire congregation is invited. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children.

Ansley Braxton, Director of Marketing for the new **Presbyterian Village** in Watkinsville, and **Melissa Albritton**, Marketing Associate will be at the lunch today to tell us about the new facility being built in Watkinsville.