

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*I've Got Peace Like a River*  
Children's Choir

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Place of Beginning Again* McDonald  
Sanctuary and Children's Choirs

*Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me! There is a place of purity, a place of love's tranquility. It is a place for beginning, a new place to start, a place that begins in the heart. There is a place of beginning again where the Spirit of God blows free. It begins in the heart where the soul gets its start with visions of glory to be. There is a place of beginning again! There is a place of hope and peace, a place where love will never cease, Offering hope for the helpless and heaven's reward, the strength and the power of the Lord! There is a place of beginning again where the Spirit of God blows free. It begins in the heart where the soul gets its start with visions of life to be. There is a place of beginning again!*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tyler Matthew Garvin

### \* HYMN 498 KINGDOM

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3:12-16

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.

*Pressing On*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## PRESENTATION TO THE GRADUATES

### \* HYMN 473 DIX

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement 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... 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!"**

A WORD FOR MISSION Louly Fowler Hay

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Flute Tune* Thomas Arne

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

(Hymn 422, stanza 1)

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Overwhelm us by your love, dear God.  
Transform us by your grace. Send us into  
the world to live in your name. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* HYMN 540 RANDOLPH

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE *How Great Thou Art* Hine

\* POSTLUDE arr. John Roark

*Improvisation on an old Southern Tune*

## Graduates

High School Graduates

Elizabeth Daniell Lane Dobbs  
Hannah Eason Shari Hillman  
Bethany Kinder Zachary Rydel

College Graduate  
Hannah Moon - College of William & Mary



## WORSHIP NOTES

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with the worship service today.
- \* We welcome Dr. John H. Roark as our guest organist.
- \* 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

† Danny Vining  
† Pat Duttweiler—surgery  
† Peggy Roark—Gwinnett Medical Center  
† Frances Ivey—sprained ankle  
† Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida

† Alice Walker—home  
† B.C. Crowell—home  
† Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident.

† Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant

### Covington Square

† Rita Harrell and  
† Joy Knight

### Nursing Homes:

† John Cannon, Merryvale  
† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor  
† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers

† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center  
† Hal Cline  
† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

### Military:

† David and Savannah Rickert  
† Mike Laib  
† John Rossi

*Pray for the Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly which will be held this week May 12-14, as they meet to conduct church business.*

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ruth McDaniel.*

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day Offering  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Senior Sunday  
Worship Service

### Tuesday, May 11

4:00 Exercise Class

### Wednesday, May 12

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:30 Handbell Choir  
7:00 Study Group  
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, May 13

7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

### Sunday, May 16

9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

Mr. Wade will be out of the office for continuing education today through Sunday, May 16.



## Activities in the Life of the Church

### Special Offering for Mother's Day

Today our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia to support the Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help provide exceptional care and services to frail and elderly residents who have outlived their financial means. In 60 years of ministry, Presbyterian Homes spent approximately \$4 million last year in benevolent care at its four communities. This year, due to the difficult economy, the need is expected to be higher still. Please give generously. Envelopes are provided. If you put cash in an envelope, please label the envelope with the amount. Checks should have "Mother's Day" in the memo space.

**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: baked chicken with dressing, green beans, sweet potato soufflé and rolls. 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 Mid-Week Feast. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. This week's lecture is: "Catholic Theologies of Grace."

**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.

### 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.

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 ext. 419, for an appointment, or ask the church staff for information.

### 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.

or e-mail  
wbwade@bellsouth.net  
djwalden@mac.com  
penihaug@bellsouth.net

Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street,  
Covington, Georgia 30014

**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:

Luton Family  
Bates Family

##### Next week:

Hawley Family  
Loeble Family

#### Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

#### 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

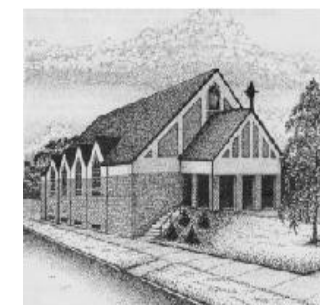
Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

#### Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Warren Liem

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

May 9, 2010  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Sarabrande* Seth Bingham

John Roark, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *How Great Thou Art* Hine

Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved,  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.**

\* HYMN 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have called us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We confess how difficult that is for us to do. We push you aside in our attempts to reach our goals. We find ourselves living like the rest of the world, rather than living in the world as your children. God, forgive us. Let your light so shine in us that we may yearn to grow in our faith, in our knowledge of you, and in our trusting of who you are as Creator and Lord, for we ask our prayer in Jesus' name.**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*