

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** John 14:27
 Jesus told his disciples: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you; let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Show Me Thy Ways* Walter Pelz
 Sanctuary Choir
 Jon Paschal, guitar Alice Walker, organ
*Show my thy ways, O Lord, teach my thy paths;
 Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
 For thou art the God of my salvation
 And on thee do I wait all the day.
 Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach my thy paths,
 Lead me in thy truth.*

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 Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
 VII. *The Apostles' Creed: He Ascended into Heaven*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Roger Tingler

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY IN BABILONE
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

✦ **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, firstborn of the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING** Acts 1:8
 Jesus said: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE**
Peoples, Clap Your Hands! GENEVA 47
 Sanctuary Choir

✦ **POSTLUDE** O FILII ET FILIAE
O Sons and Daughters of the King

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- * Bill Loeble, Clerk of Session, is assisting with the worship service today.
- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, is preaching today for "Cowboy Church" at the Gene Ensminger Memorial Ride in Gray, Georgia. This 4th annual event held in memory of his father-in-law is held to raise funds to support the Georgia Equine Rescue League.
- * 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

† Charles Woods - heart problems, Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta
 † William Lawson-chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)
 † Roger Gossage—home, tests
 † Brad Phillips' mother—home
 † Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)
 † Donnie Vining—Scottish Rite (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
 † Brandon Massey—Scottish Rite (grandson of Sherry and Chuck Brasher)
 † Jackie Wood-brain tumor (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)
 † Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant
 † Claude Bennett—rehabilitation, Snellville (Milton Patton's friend)
 † David Humphrey—liver cancer, home (Milton Patton's friend)
 † Chris Weesner—home
 † Barbara Weesner—rehab at Riverside (mother of Chris Weesner)
 † Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)
 † Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
 † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
 † Shirley Smith—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square
 † Rita Harrell
 † Joy Knight

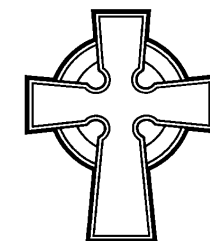
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 † Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
 † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
 † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
 † Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
 † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Benton House
 † Helen and George Stamps
 † Mary Crudup
 † Doris Mote

Military:
 † Savannah (Cannon) Knudson
 † Mike Laib

Out of the Country
 † Lauren Moon—India
 † Hannah Moon—India
 † Liz Stillerman—Israel
 † Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

Hospital Visitor: Betty Robinson



ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Quarterly Pledge Statements

The first quarter statements of giving are ready and may be picked up from the basket in the narthex. These statements are only for those who have pledged for 2012. If you don't pledge but would like a statement, call Peni Haug in the church office at 770-786-7321.


Lauda Musicam will perform today, at 3:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with a short reception to follow. The concert will include an ancient instruments "petting zoo" for young and old, plus delightful music. Please spread the word about this concert to insure that we have a good audience for these folks who have come out to share their music with us. The concert is free but GSE will accept donations which go to our outreach program (food bank, shelters, etc).

Mid-Week Feast (Last Feast until fall start-up) Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: barbeque pork sandwiches, corndogs, cole slaw, baked beans, 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 web-site.

The Wednesday Night Study Group meets at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast (last lesson until fall start-up). They are studying "The Great World Religions: Christianity" by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory's Candler School of Theology. The study group meets in the Parlor following supper.

Mr. Wade's sermon series on *The Apostles' Creed* will conclude next Sunday, May 13, with "I Believe in the Holy Spirit." He will be on sabbatical after next Sunday, until August 19.

Food Pantry Needs for May: mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup and pickles. Please place your donations in the containers in the narthex or elsewhere in the building.

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p>Sunday, May 6 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, May 8 2:00 Knitting Group 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, May 9 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-week Feast (Last one until after summer break) 6:45 Choir Rehearsal 6:45 DVD Study Group (last one)</p>	<p>Thursday, May 10 10:30 Ambassador Choir 4:30 Prayer Group, Sanctuary</p> <p>Sunday, May 13 Happy Mother's Day! 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Save the date for Vacation Bible School: July 9-13</p> 

**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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Special Mother's Day Offering

On Sunday, May 13, our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia in support of the *Caring Hands Fund* for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide exceptional care and services for more than 400 elderly residents who have outlived their financial resources. In 60 years of ministry, Presbyterian Homes has never asked a resident to leave due to their depleted funds. Last year, the Caring Hands Fund provided more than \$4 million in benevolent care at its four communities. Remember to bring your Mother's Day Offering and please give generously.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

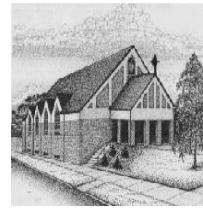
<p>Nursery Volunteers Today: Garvin Family Moss Family</p> <p>Next Week: Hawley Family Bates Family</p>	<p>Ushers: Shaun Evans, Grace Ottley, Joyce Ashworth</p> <p>Hosts: Jonathan and Lynn Miller</p> <p>Sound System:</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Bernice Bailey	Patrick Carmichael	Debra Arnold
Rebecca Bates	Judy Davis	Bill Loeble
Mac Cranford	Denny Dobbs	Roger Tingler
Judy Hooten	Aubrey Evans	Cy Wolverton
Day Kennon	Dave Gregory	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**May 6, 2012
 Fifth Sunday of Easter**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* Michael Bedford
At the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

INTROIT *Peoples, Clap Your Hands!* GENEVA 47
 Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47
 Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with a cry of joy!
 Sing praises to God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our sovereign, sing praises.
 For God is sovereign over all the earth;
 sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations.
God sits upon heaven's holy throne.

✠HYMN 150 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION from Hebrews 4:14, 16
 Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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, and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579
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. Amen.