

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*  
WACHET AUF, setting by Paul Manz  
*Sinfonia* J. S. Bach

INTROIT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE  
The Hooten Family

Christians around the world begin this day to await the Advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

**We gather as a people of hope.**

Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

**Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.**

As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

**We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

May this candle of hope give light to the world.

Listen to the words of the prophet Jeremiah chapter 31: 31-34...

I now light the candle of prophecy and hope.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9 VENI EMMANUEL  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(stanzas 2 and 3)

\* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

**He is the Prince of Peace.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps!* Thomas  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over; the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh.*

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 READING Luke 1:26-38

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*The Lord is With You*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IV.1*  
**God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.**

**Jesus, the long expected Savior,  
came into the world as a child,  
descended from David,  
conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of Mary, a virgin.**

**He lived as a Jew among Jews.**

**He announced to his people  
the coming of God's kingdom of justice  
and peace on earth.**

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman  
as is every child,  
yet born of God's power  
as was no other child.**

**In the person and work of Jesus,  
God and a human life  
are united but not confused,  
distinguished but not separated.**

**The coming of Jesus was itself  
the coming of God's promised rule.**

**Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,  
he brings about the relationship between God  
and humanity that God always intended.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation on VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL*  
Paul Manz

Rebecca Bates, flute  
Alice Walker, organ

\* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**No gift can we bring to match your gift to us,  
Gracious God. But open our hearts, we pray, that we  
may receive what you offer, and may live according  
to your grace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## SEALING THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

They will come from east and west, from north and south,  
to sit at table in the Kingdom of heaven.

This is the Lord's table. All who trust in him  
are invited to come.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his  
heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world  
of sin, where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's  
presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all  
are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* p.16, front of hymnal

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 48 ES IST EIN' ROS'  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE Robert Lind  
*Advent Toccata on FOREST GREEN*

### WORSHIP NOTES

- \* Please stand, if you are able.
- \* The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, is assisting in the leading of worship this morning.
- \* 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

- † Guy McGiboney, outpatient surgery November 30, - NMC
- † Brennan Simkins, 7 year old cousin of the Hay family - chemo treatment in preparation for second bone marrow transplant at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis.
- † David Shane, nephew of Doug & Sherri Bolton - heart surgery
- † Darrell Davis - Rockdale Medical Center
- † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
- † Ricky Loftin - surgery, home
- † Jonathan Paschal - surgery, home
- † Chris Weesner - surgery this month
- † Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford - cancer treatment
- † Betty Bailey - radiation and chemo therapy
- † Danny Vining - radiation Therapy

- † Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis
  - † John Braden - heart transplant
- Covington Square**
- † Rita Harrell and
  - † Joy Knight
- Nursing Homes:**
- † Maymenell Bohanan -Riverside #202
  - † Sarah Chesnut and
  - † Sarah Hooten - 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

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Barbara Martin.*

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 29	Wednesday, December 2
<b>Advent I</b>	4:00 Adventure Club
9:45 Sunday School	6:00 Mid-week Feast
11:00 Worship Service, with Communion	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
6:00 Youth Connection	
	<b>Thursday, December 3</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 1</b>	7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
Presbytery Meeting	
10:00 Circles I & II	<b>Saturday, December 5</b>
10:30 Circle IV	8:00 Men's Breakfast
4:00 Exercise Class	
6:30 Circle III	<b>Sunday, December 6</b>
	<b>Advent II</b>
	9:45 Sunday School
	11:00 Worship Service
	5:30 Joy Christmas Supper

## 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 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**Make your reservation for Mid-Week Feast by using the forms in the pew rack.** Join us Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for meals. This week's menu is: homemade soup, chicken and dumplings and salad. Bring a dessert and join us!

**The Wednesday Night Study Group** meets at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast in the Youth Lounge. This week's lesson is "

**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 on Thursday mornings at 7:15 a.m. when school is in session. A ride to school after breakfast will be provided. **BRING A FRIEND!**

**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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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
**December Meeting Schedule**  
*Christmas Celebrations*

Circle I - Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Ashworth 2081 Willow Springs Church Road, Social Circle, 770-464-0627

Circle II - Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Linda Boyd, 4176 Hwy. 81 SW, Covington, 770-787-3350

Circle III - Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Boyd, 4176 Hwy. 81 SW, Covington, 770-787-3350 (Yes, 2 times in one day!)

Circle IV - Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Alice Walker, 8214 Wood St. Covington, 770-787-6915 (Christmas brunch)

All women of the church are invited to attend the circle of their choice. Please call the hostess to let her know you plan to attend.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

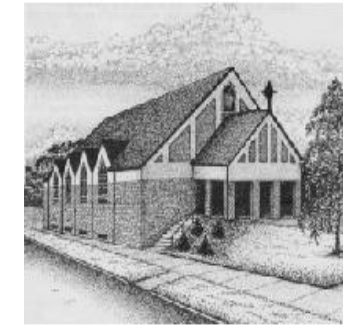
<b>Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:</b> Arnold Family Loucy/Sam Hay Family	<b>Host:</b> Barbara & Chris Martin
<b>Next week:</b> Gregory Family Lewis Family	<b>Ushers:</b> John McCarthy Family J. L. Johnson
	<b>Sound System:</b> Ken Walker

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

Class of 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Doug Bolton	Stephanie Fortson	Jean Blair
Terri Digby	Ruth McDaniel	Carol Dunbar
Barbara Johnson	Jonathan Miller	Rick Gunter
Bill Loeble	Pam Stillerman	Jay Lanners
Cy Wolverton	Gene Wallace	Donna Weesner

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alan Bunn <i>Choir Director</i>
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	<i>Organist/Senior Choir</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Aubrey Elliott; Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
	Deana Graham <i>ELC Director</i>



## First Presbyterian Church

Covington, Georgia

November 29, 2009  
First Sunday of Advent  
Order of Worship

LUKE 6.

