ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; the new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM NETTLETON

> Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Lynn Hargrow, pianist

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

God of mercy, you promise never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak through your Holy Scriptures your eternal Word that does not change. Then enable us to respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14

John 1:29-34

SERMON

The Rev. Al Myers

An Old Testament Outlier

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 281 CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Gerre Hancock

Air

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In glad thanksgiving for your goodness, we offer you our tithes and offerings. And we pray for the power to offer and present our very selves to you, a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance. In the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 432 Song of Hope

ARGENTINA

- CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

- We welcome the Rev. Al Myers who is our guest preacher today.
- Louly Hay, our Parish Associate, is assisting with
- worship.
- We are pleased to welcome Lynn Hargrow to our service this morning. Lynn is a second-year student at Oxford College, majoring in History. He grew up in Florida, where he graduated from North Miami Senior High School. A member of National Honor Society, Lynn has studied Public Speaking and Debate. Lynn shares his gift of Gospel piano playing with us 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.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
- Ricky Loftin surgery, home
- Jonathan Paschal surgery, home
- Chris Weesner surgery this month
- Lelia Raines radiation therapy
- Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford - cancer treatment
- Betty Bailey radiation and chemo therapy
- Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niecein-law - breast cancer
- 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:

- Sarah Chesnut and
 - Sarah Hooten Covington Manor

- **†** Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Convers
- **†** Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
- Hal Cline
- Gretchen Buendia -Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Military:

- David and Savannah Rickert Mike Laib
- Amanda Renee Boston and
- Ryan Edward Boston Paige Boston's cousins and niece and nephew of Michael and Tina Boston.

We extend sympathy to Grace Ottley in the death of her father, George Ottley; and to the family of David Mask who died last week.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Linda Boyd.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Our church will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. A choir composed of members from Bethabara Missionary Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Paul A.M.E. Church, and First Presbyterian will be singing under the direction of Alan Bunn.

Dr. Joseph Roberts will be preaching. Dr. Roberts is the Wade P. Huie Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, and was the Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta for 30 years. He has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from both Princeton Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Make plans to be here to help host this wonderful event! A reception will be held after the service.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for 2010. Please drop the form in the offering plate if you are willing to serve for one month or if you'd prefer once or twice per quarter. You may also call Stephanie Fortson, 770-786-0695, e-mail: stephaniefortson@aol.com or call Peni in

the church office.	G
Name(s)	
Month preferred: 1st choice	2nd choice
orl'd prefer to serve one Sunday at a time, several times during the year with a schedule posted on a quarterly basis.	
Phone	
E-mail	

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 8

9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, November 10

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 Mid-Week Feast

6:30 Handbell Choir

6:45 Study Series

7:15 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 12

7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast

10:30 Ambassador Choir

11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, November 15

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

6:00 Youth Connection

AN EXERCISE CLASS meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

MID-WEEK FEAST Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is: spaghetti, tossed salad and garlic bread. Please fill out one of the reservation forms in the pew pocket and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, or make your reservations online at www.fpccpv.org.

Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "The Incomprehensible and the Supernatural." Join this group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast.

Prayer Group The Prayer Group meets each Thursday, at 11:30 in the Parlor. Prayer requests may be entered on one of the yellow forms in the pew and put into the offering plate or in the prayer box in the narthex.

What Presbyterians Believe A class will begin next Sunday at 9:45. Newly elected Session members will take part and others who would like to know more about this subject are invited also.

FPC will be supporting the community effort to purchase **bullet proof vests for Newton County Sheriff's Deputies.** Each vest costs \$600-700. Our goal is to raise enough funds from

congregational donations to purchase five (5) vests. When donating, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note the purpose as Newton Sheriff's Office vests. Through our donations we may help save a deputy's life.

There are 37 of our **members on retreat** to Montreat, NC, this weekend. They will return this afternoon.

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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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nurserv:

Hawley Family

Loeble Family
Next week:

Laib Family Weesner Family

Hosts:

Terri & John McCarthy

Ushers:

John, Terri & Jake McCarthy J. L. Johnson

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
Alice Walker
Organist & A
Aubrey Evans

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

Sunday November 8, 2009

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Awake, Awake, to Love and Work

From Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Voluntary on FOUNDATION Alice Jordan

Alice Walker, organist

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing Lynn Hargrow, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Zephaniah 3

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

Sing aloud and shout for joy!
For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Alleluia! Let us worship God!

HYMN 478

LAUDA ANIMA

AZMON

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord, that our sin is more than poor judgment, more than a lack of common sense, more than a failure to do our best. Our sin is disobedience to your will. Yet it is deeper than that. We disobey outwardly because inwardly we disbelieve your Word. And we disbelieve because in our hearts we distrust your love and your forgiveness. Help us to trust you, O God, to follow wherever you lead. Let your love cleanse away our guilt and strengthen our faith. This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.