

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to be heard, please come forward to use the handheld microphone or stand in your pew and wait for it to be brought to you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *All for Thee* Schrader
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 2:1-10

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Plausible Arguments

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 442 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Declaration of Faith

Led by the Spirit of God the people of Israel and of the early church preserved and handed on the story of what God had said and done in their midst and how they had responded to him. These traditions were often shaped and reshaped by the uses to which the community put them. They were cherished, written down, and collected as the holy literature of the people of God.

Through the inward witness of the same Spirit we acknowledge the authority of the Bible. We accept the Old and New Testaments as the canon, or authoritative standard of faith and life, to which no further writings need be added. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are necessary, sufficient, and reliable as witnesses to Jesus Christ, the living Word. We must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience by the Word of God in Scripture. We subject to its judg-

ment all our understanding of doctrine and practice, including this Declaration of Faith. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God as no other word written by human beings.

Relying on the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes and hearts, we affirm our freedom to interpret Scripture responsibly. God has chosen to address his inspired Word to us through diverse and varied human writings. Therefore we use the best available methods to understand them in their historical and cultural settings and the literary forms in which they are cast. When we encounter apparent tensions and conflicts in what Scripture teaches us to believe and do, the final appeal must be to the authority of Christ. Acknowledging that authority, comparing Scripture with Scripture, listening with respect to fellow-believers past and present, we anticipate that the Holy Spirit will enable us to interpret faithfully God's Word for our time and place.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Poco Lento Cesar Franck

- DOXOLOGY *Hymn 592* OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Him all creatures here below;
 praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, once again we commit who we are and what we have to your service. Unite us in common faith, that your Church may be your light in the world through the grace and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * HYMN 538 SICILIAN MARINERS
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- * CORAL RESPONSE *Praise Ye the Lord* PSALM 150
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

- * POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Major* W. H. PACHELBEL

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, 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.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

†Bennett Stillerman—major surgery Nov. 14 in Charlotte (grandson of Carol and David Stillerman)
 †Chris Weesner—home following car accident
 †Patrick Carmichael—Newton Medical Center
 †Jack Yoder—Rehabilitation Center In Madison
 †Joyce Ashworth's sister—fall/hip surgery
 †Julie Monroe—complications from heart transplant (friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson)
 †Emory Bowen—home (brother-in-law of Debbie Gossage)
 † Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)
 †JoEllyn Kimball—complications of lung transplant
 †Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
 †Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)
 †Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)
 †Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
 †Shirley Smith, needs 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
 †Mike Laib
 †John Rossi
 †Renee Boston

Hospital Visitor:
 Linda Boyd

To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 13 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection	6:45 Sanctuary Choir
Tuesday, November 15 4:00 Exercise Class	Thursday, November 17 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Wednesday, November 16 4:00 Adventure Club 5:45 Mid-week Feast 6:45 DVD Series	Sunday, November 20 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection

Activities in the Life of the Church

Mid-Week Feast Join us in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is: Turkey & dressing, baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, collard greens, corn bread. Bring a dessert to share. Please sign up by filling out a reservation form in the pews or calling the church office no later than Monday afternoon.

The DVD Lecture Series continues on Wednesdays, after the Mid-Week Feast at 6:45 in the Parlor. We are viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament." The lesson this week is "Covenant and Law, Part II."

What do I have to believe to be a Presbyterian?

What does it mean to be a member of the church?
Does God have a plan for us? How detailed is it?
Why do we baptize our children?
Where did Presbyterians come from? Where are we going?
How connected are we to other churches?

Last week we began a **4-week study** on our Presbyterian faith and practice, during the regular church school hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.). We meet in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

Our Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held this year at First Baptist Church of Covington, on Tuesday night, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. This is a tradition our church helped start many years ago.

Thanksgiving Outreach — see the insert in today's bulletin for items and volunteers needed for preparing and serving a Thanksgiving meal for those in need of this community effort. There is more information in the November issue of the "First Press."

The **Early Learning Center's** fall fundraiser is in full swing. **Butter Braids** may be ordered today by placing your order with Carol Dunbar. Six different pastry flavors are available at a cost of \$12 each. Delivery will be Nov. 16 in time for your holiday meals.

Coat Collection

In cooperation with the Covington First United Methodist Church, the Witness Team will be collecting gently used coats, jackets, blankets and only new socks for children and adults. A plastic bin will be provided in the hallway leading to the elevator. These needed coats, blankets and socks will then be distributed to families in need so they will have a much warmer winter.

Emory University will present a free concert at **First United Methodist Church** of Covington on Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 pm. Following the concert, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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:
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djwalden@mac.com
penihaug@bellsouth.net
Website: www.fpccov.org
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street,
Covington, Georgia 30014.

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.

Community Food Pantry Needs for November: beef stew, chicken & dumplings, corned beef hash, chili, sloppy Joes, etc. Bring your donations to the church or to the Food Pantry on Turner Lake Circle. The pantry is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9—11:00 a.m.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Jessup Family
Ardis Family

Next week:
Shawn Loftin

Host:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

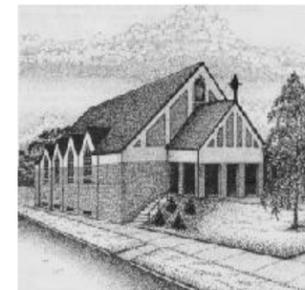
Class of 2011
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
November 13, 2011
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Laudes Domine* JOHN FERGUSON
Rhosymedre RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

INTROIT *Praise Ye the Lord* PSAML 150
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding.
**In all your ways acknowledge the Lord,
and the Lord will direct your paths.**

* HYMN 455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, hear our prayers. There is much in our lives that needs to be set right. We cannot believe what we say or do sometimes. Forgive us. Heal the brokenness we have caused. Increase our discernment of your will for us, for your Church, and for the world. Strengthen our faith, we pray, and move us along the path of righteousness, for Christ's dear sake. Amen.

(silence for personal reflection and prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (Hymn 485) TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Solo: *To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life as atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

* **ALL: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!**