

* **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**
 The peace of our Risen Lord Jesus 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 You SWITCHFOOT
 Jon Paschal, guitar solo

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

O God, guide our minds by your Spirit, that we may understand your word, learn your will, and follow more closely in the steps of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-12

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Al Myers
 Moses

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 270** DUNDEE
O God, in a Mysterious Way

* **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 E. S. Barnes
 Chanson

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
 Hymn 391, stanza 1 HENDON
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

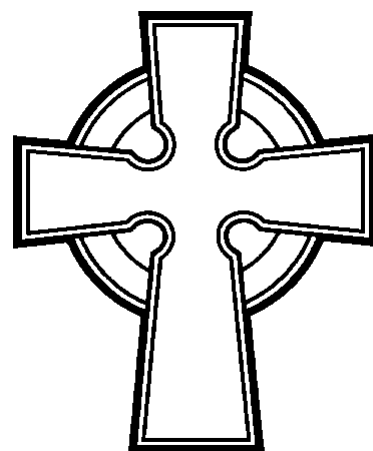
* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Gracious God, when your kindness and generosity dawned upon the world, and you lavished your love upon us in Jesus Christ our Savior, you called us to believe in you and to devote ourselves to good works. Now we bring our gifts to you and offer them, and our whole life, with joy for your service, through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 282** WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *Rigadoun* Andre Campra



WORSHIP NOTES

* We welcome The Rev. Dr. Al Myers as our guest preacher and worship leader today. The Rev. Louly F. Hay will be assisting in the worship today. We also welcome The Rev. John 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

†Chris Weesner—Atlanta Medical Center 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)
 †Molly Weber—surgery, home (child of Kevin and Callie Weber)
 †Emory Bowen—ICU Newton Med. (brother-in-law of Debbie Gossage)
 †Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)
 †Lee Ellen Digby—home (mother of Terri Digby-McCarthy)
 †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)

†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
 †Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
 †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Benton House
 †Helen and George Stamps
 †Mary Crudup

Military:
 †Savannah Cannon
 †Mike Laib
 †John Rossi
 †Renee Boston

We extend our prayers and sympathy for Jessica Jessup and family in the death of her uncle, Russell Crosby.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Susan Boteler whose mother, Edie Moy, died on Thursday.

We celebrate with Matt and Amy Sery on the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Elizabeth, who was born on October 28. Betty Robinson is her great-grandmother.

Hospital Visitor:
 Ann Bouchillon

Covington Square
 †Rita Harrell
 †Joy Knight
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 †Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
 †Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers

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 6
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Thursday, November 10
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Tuesday, November 8
 4:00 Exercise Class

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

Wednesday, November 9
 4:00 Adventure Club
 5:45 Mid-week Feast
 6:45 DVD Series
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Activities in the Life of the Church

Forty-two of our church members are in Montreat, NC. Study for the **Congregational Retreat** is focusing on family relationships.

Mid-Week Feast Join us in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The special children's menu this week is: Sloppy Joes, Corn Dogs, Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots, Pizza, Fruit Salad, Cole Slaw, Carrot Salad 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 I."

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?

There will be a **4-week study** on our Presbyterian faith and practice, during the regular church school hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.), beginning next Sunday morning, November 13 through Sunday, December 4. We will 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

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:

Andrea Heisel
Next week:
Jessup Family
Ardis Family

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Carol & David Stillerman
Terry, John & Jake

Sound System:

Rick Gunter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012

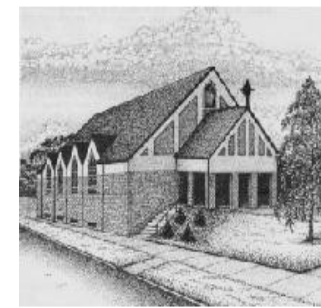
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

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	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug Alan Bunn	<i>Secretary-Treasurer Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
November 6, 2011
Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

My Song is Love Unknown

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-2, 14-16

O Lord, you have always been our home.

Before you created the hills or brought forth the world into being, you were eternally God and will be God forever.

Let us, your servants, see your mighty deeds;
Let our descendants see your glorious might.

Lord our God, may your blessings be with us.

Give us success in all that we do!

Let us worship this Sovereign God!

Amen.

* HYMN 457 TOULON

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and forever, in Christ. 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!