

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 63:3-4

Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
gracious God, my lips will praise you.

**So, I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356 NETTLETON

**Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**

\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

God and Family Award Jake McCarthy

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *My God Is So High* arr. Moses Hogan  
Sanctuary Choir

My God is so high you can't get over Him,  
He's so low you can't get under Him,  
He's so wide you can't get 'round Him,  
You must come in by and through the Lamb.  
One day as I was a-walkin' along the heavenly road,  
My Savior spoke unto me and  
He filled my heart with His love.  
I'll take my gospel trumpet, and I'll begin to blow,  
And if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I'll go.

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 I Corinthians 1:1-3  
II Corinthians 9:6-9

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*What We Know*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 422 BEACH SPRING  
*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 16 in front of hymnal

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Bernice Bailey

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Offertory on PISGAH* Dale Wood

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**God, remind us always to look for lonely coins,  
lost children, people afraid they owe too much to be  
loved again, and those who are angry because they've  
worked so long in the vineyard. Teach us to use our  
talents well, hunt for the pearl of God's love, and  
never ignore the treasure buried in the fields of our  
own churches, even if it feels like we need to dig it  
up with a spoon! Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE  
WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* HYMN 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN  
*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE  
*When We Are Living* Spanish Melody

\* POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Major* J. S. Bach



**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \* The Prayer of Dedication today comes from Maren C. Tirabassi, author of *A DayBook for New Voices* and other resources for the church.
- \* 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**

- † Lelia Raines - radiation therapy
- † Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford
- † Betty Bailey - tests
- † Greta Haug, Peni & Bob Haug's daughter - home
- † Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niece-in-law - breast cancer
- † Danny Vining - radiation therapy
- † Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis
- † Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer
- † John Braden - heart transplant needed
- Covington Square**
- † Rita Harrell and
- † Joy Knight
- Nursing Homes:**
- † Kathryn Hunnicutt - Riverside
- † 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  
† Amanda Renee Boston and Ryan Edward Boston  
Paige Boston's cousins and niece and nephew of Michael and Tina Boston.

*The hospital team members who will be visiting people this week are Roger and Kathryn Wallace.*



**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

**Sunday, October 11**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session Meeting

**Tuesday, October 13**  
4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, October 14**  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:30 Handbell Choir  
6:45 Study Series  
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, October 15**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, October 18**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
Oxford Student Luncheon

**Staff Notes:** Mr. Wade will travel to Florida to attend a synod meeting from October 15-18.

Mr. Walden will be on vacation Through October 17.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**The Session** meets today in the Martin Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.

**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: meatloaf, fried chicken, creamed potatoes and green beans. 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](http://www.fpccpv.org).

### Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series.

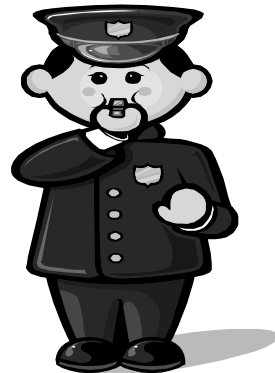
This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "The Uses of Philosophy." Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast.

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.



The FPC **Early Learning Center Fall Butter Braid Fund-raiser** begins this Sunday and continues through Friday, October 30. Church members have supported this effort in the past and enjoyed the delicious frozen, braided pastries. Butter braids will be delivered Nov. 16 in time for Thanksgiving! Look for the display in the Narthex if you wish to place an order.

### WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN?

There will be a Sunday school class for new members, new elders, visitors and anyone else who wants to know more about what it means to be a Presbyterian. The class will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, November 15, 22, 29 and December 6. Come and 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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Covington, Georgia 30014

### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group now meets on Thursdays, 11:30-12:00 p.m. If you have prayer requests, please write them down and place them in the wooden prayer box on the narthex table. If you would like to be a part of the prayer group, please talk with Grace Ottley or Alice Walker.



PRAYER GROUP

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Ardis Family  
Gregory Family

**Next week:**  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Jessup Family

#### Hosts:

John and Terri McCarthy

#### Ushers:

Doug & Sherri Bolton, chair  
Jon & Jane Williams

#### Sound System

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

#### Class of 2009

Doug Bolton  
Elizabeth Daniell  
Terri Digby  
Lane Dobbs  
Barbara Johnson  
Bill Loebler  
Cy Wolverton

#### Class of 2010

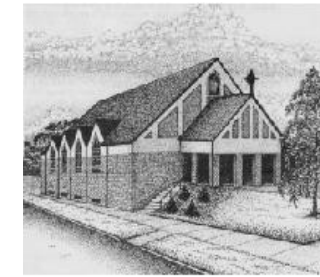
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

#### Class of 2011

Jean Blair  
Carol Dunbar  
Rick Gunter  
Jay Lanners  
Donna Weesner

### CHURCH STAFF

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia  
Order of Worship

October 11, 2009

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE    *Praise to the Lord*                      Johann G. Walther  
                  *Processional in E-Flat*                      David N. Johnson

INTROIT    *When We Are Living*                      Spanish melody  
                  Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP                      Psalm 145:10-12, 21  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you.  
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

\* HYMN 487                                      LAUDES DOMINI  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

CALL TO CONFESSION                      Psalm 63:1  
O God, you are my God;  
I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.  
**My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and  
weary land where there is no water.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Fountain of life, we have drunk  
from dusty wells of our own making.  
Bread of heaven, we have set our table  
with the meager fruits of our own labors.  
Treasure of all, we have sought riches in  
bankrupt storehouses of our own building.  
Forgive us for turning away from your generous grace.  
Satisfy us with the life you offer,  
that we may praise you joyfully,  
cling to you only,  
seek you wholly,  
and tell of your goodness gladly.**