

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 John 17:11, 15-23

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr. How Far Can You Take It?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith, V.6

The Holy Spirit unifies the Christian church. The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Linda Boyd

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY William H. Doane More Love to Thee, O Christ

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDETH Hymn 220, stanza 1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out, into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of Peace, always will be with us. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for our sins and the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all nations. Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. They will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us pray....

ANTHEM As We Gather at Your Table Scott Sanctuary Choir

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Today we partake of communion by intinction. We will break bread from the common loaf and dip the bread in the common cup.)

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN All Creatures of Our God and King (stanzas 5-6)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE UNION SEMINARY Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK AT FPC
Sunday, October 4
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion
6:00 Youth Connection
Tuesday, October 6
4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, October 7
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:30 Handbell Choir
6:45 Study Series
7:15 Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, October 8
7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, October 11
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
WORSHIP NOTES
* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, and Grace Ottley are assisting with worship today. Grace, a church member, was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago.
* 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
† Marguerite Stillerman - home
† Lelia Raines - radiation therapy
† Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford
† Betty Bailey - tests
† Janet Burtts - foot surgery, home
† Casity Koerner, cousin of Lori Ardis - premature birth of baby Drew
† Greta Haug, Peni & Bob Haug's daughter - surgery
† 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 member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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: homemade vegetable soup, chicken and dumplings, corn bread, salad and sandwiches. 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.

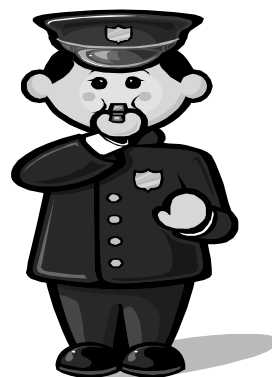
This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "Christian Reading." Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast.

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.



Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings



All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Please mark your calendars for our October circle meetings and call the hostess to say you'll be there!

Circle I - Tuesday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 815 Mason Drive, Covington, 770-786-4932

Circle II - Tuesday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Bettie Miller, 2442 Harvest Dr., Conyers, 770-483-5694

Circle III - Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bernice and Betty Bailey, 8150 Woods St. Covington, 770-786-3048

Circle IV - Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Day Kennon, 4102 Conyers St., Covington, 770-786-0443

**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:

Lewis Family
Arnold Family

Next week:
Ardis Family
Gregory Family

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Jean Blair, Chair
Jim Stillerman
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 Loeble
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2010

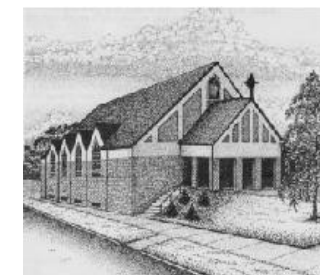
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
Order of Worship

October 4, 2009
World Communion Sunday

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Yorkminster Processional* Gordon Young
Prelude and Meditation on OLIVET John G. Barr

INTROIT *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of hunger and war
we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny
we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
In the midst of hatred and death
we celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of sin and decay
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.

* HYMN 455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King
(stanzas 1-4)

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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.