

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- * *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 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 *O Jesus, Thou Art Standing* arr. Freed
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

O Jesus, Thou art standing outside the fast-closed door,
In lowly patience waiting to pass the threshold o'er;
Shame on us, Christian brethren, His name and sign who bear;
O shame, thrice shame upon us, to keep Him standing there!

O Jesus, Thou art knocking; and lo, that hand is scarred;
And thorns thy brow encircle, and tears Thy face have marred.
O love that passeth knowledge, so patiently to wait!
O sin that hath no equal, so fast to bar the gate!

O Jesus, Thou art pleading in accents meek and low,
"I died for you, my children, and will ye treat me so?"
O Lord, with shame and sorrow, we open now the door;
Dear Savior, enter, enter, and leave us never more.

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 READING

Revelation 3:20
Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.
Furnishings of the Faith: The Doors

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- * HYMN 429 stanzas 1-3 ABBOT'S LEIGH
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

God sends the church into the world. God has not taken God's people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and to serve all humankind.

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jonathan Paschal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

Farrell

O God, You Search Me

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Folk Melody

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 426, stanza 5 CANONBURY

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as Thou wilt, and when and where;
until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks, dear God, for all your goodness and love in our lives and in the world. Open our mouths that we may proclaim your praises. Take our hands and let them work for you. Take our feet and move them in the paths you set before us; for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * HYMN 429 (stanzas 4 & 5) ABBOT'S LEIGH
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

from Psalm 121

The Lord is our keeper; the Lord is our shade
on our right hand.

The sun shall not smite us by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep us from all evil; the Lord will keep our life.

The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

PROMISED ONE

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES

- * 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

†Jack Yoder—ICU Newton Medical

†Julie Monroe—complications from heart transplant (friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson)

†Bebe John—heart attack & surgery (friend of Warren & Jeannie Liem)

†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)

†William Lawson—home

†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)

†Courteney 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

Military:

†Savannah Cannon

†Mike Laib

†John Rossi

†Renee Boston

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Cindy Moon and her family in the death of her father, Billy Knight.

We celebrate with David and Carol Stillerman on the birth of another grandson, Lennon Stillerman Fender, born October 12. Lennon's parents are Meg and Scott Fender.

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Robinson

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.

Activities in the Life of the Church

Congregational Meeting today at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect five elders to the Class of 2014. A meeting of the church corporation will also be convened.

Exercise Class: Tuesdays, at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

Mid-Week Feast Join us in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu for this week is: homemade vegetable soup and 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 "Folklore Analysis and Type Scenes."

COVINGTON SQUARE INVITED FOR BINGO Our neighbors at Covington Square are invited for Bingo at 2 p.m. **Thursday, October 20**, in the Fellowship Hall. **Donations of prizes are needed:** items such as soaps, tissues, lotions, and candy or small gifts may be donated to be used as prizes. A basket will be placed in the Narthex to receive these donations prior to the Bingo Party.

Consecration Sunday will be October 23. During the worship service we will fill in our Commitment Cards and place them on the table. **Immediately after worship we will have a church family photograph taken.** Please stay for the photo and for a festive lunch to be served in our fellowship hall after the service. Everyone is invited! Please fill out a reservation card by today or call the church office by Tuesday so we can prepare enough food. The menu is: ham, fried chicken, creamed potatoes with gravy, green beans, corn, squash casserole, salad, rolls and desserts.

The combined choirs of **First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Conyers Presbyterian Church**, and the **Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal** will be performing the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré on **Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington.** This will be a free concert for the entire community.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 16
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
12:00 Youth Connection
Tuesday, October 18
4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, October 19
4:00 Adventure Club
5:45 Mid-week Feast
6:45 DVD Series

6:45 Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, October 20
10:30 Ambassador Choir
2:00 Bingo for Cov. Square
Sunday, October 23
Consecration Sunday
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Noon Photo and Luncheon
5:00 Youth Connection

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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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 October: canned meats such as spam, ham, chicken, Vienna sausage, salmon, 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:

Karen Laib
Weesner Family

Next week:

Ann Bouchillon
Trista Hooten-Young

Host: Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Doug & Sherri Bolton
Roger & Tootles Tingler

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

William B. Wade, Jr.
Louly Fowler Hay

Pastor

Dan Walden
Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Parish Associate
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker

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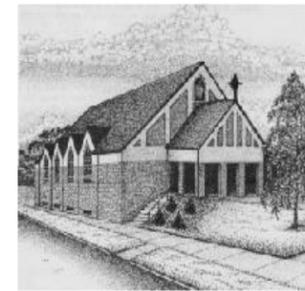
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Krissy Jones

Director of the Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
October 16, 2011
Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* Felice de Giardini

INTROIT *What Is This Place?* KOMT NU MET ZANG
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:9-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!

Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

* HYMN 8 TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you asked for my hands that you could use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment and then withdrew for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to know.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

I gave you a fractional part that I might not get involved.

God, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to do so, only in places where it is safe to do so.

Creator God, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a usable instrument, that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross...

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE arr. Haugen

(to be sung at the cantor's cue)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.