

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Furnishings of the Faith: The Table

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

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

Baxter Bouchillon

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Samuel Barber

Wondrous Love - Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 220, stanza 1 OLD HUNDREDETH

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

Gracious God, Christ so loved the world that he gave himself for it. Hear the prayers we offer in his name, prayers for peace, for justice, for hope. In compassion and gratitude, we seek to be faithful disciples, binding wounds, breaking down barriers, lifting up the least and the lost, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SEALING OF 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....

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KINGDOM

For the bread which You have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give You thanks, O Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 439

ST. PETER

In Christ There is No East or West

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

LINSTERO

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Prelude in C Minor

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

†Jeanne Cannon—eye surgery on Monday

†Emory Bowen—ICU at Newton Medical (brother-in-law of Debbie Gossage)

† Marvin Paige—cancer ((Perri Walden's uncle)

†Lee Ellen Digby—home (mother of Terri Digby-McCarthy)

†Guy McGiboney—home

†William Lawson—home

†JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant

†Linda Boyd-home

†Sam Hay, Jr.—home

†Jack Yoder—home

†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

Military:

†Savannah Cannon

†Mike Laib

†John Rossi

†Renee Boston

Hospital Visitor:

Ruth McDaniel

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, October 2

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & Communion

Mission Trip crew leaves today
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 Circles I and 2
10:30 Circle 4
4:00 Exercise Class
7:00 Circles 3 and 6

Wednesday, October 5

4:00 Adventure Club
5:45 Mid-week Feast
6:45 DVD Series
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 6

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, October 9

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Activities in the Life of the Church

Today is **World Communion Sunday**. We will join with other Christians around the world in celebrating The Lord's Supper on that day during the worship service. Prepare your heart.

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

Mid-Week Feast Join us the Martin Fellowship Hall on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5:45 p.m. FELLOWSHIP HALL** for a VERY Italian night at Mid-Week Feast! We'll dine on spaghetti two ways, cheese tortellini with alfredo sauce, antipasti salad and garlic bread. Bring a dessert to share.....but there will also be homemade biscotti given to some of the winners of trivia questions.....and a grand prize of an Italian Wedding Cake.

Bible trivia for the children (with small prizes) and Bible trivia for the adults = One Fun Mid-Week Feast!

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. The group meets in the Youth Lounge. We will be viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament," with lectures by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The lesson this week is "Isaac." Call Carol and Ellis Dunbar at (770) 787-2657 for further information.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

All women of the church are encouraged to join a Circle of their choosing. Please call the hostess to say you'll be there! The October circle meeting schedule is:

Circle 1: Tues. Oct. 4, at 10:00 Ann Bouchillon's home

Circle 2: Tues. Oct. 4 at 10:00 Frances Ivey's home (9:30-meet at church if you wish to carpool to Frances' home)

Circle 3: Tues. Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Penny Blakeney's home

Circle 4: Tues. Oct. at 10:30 Jean Blair's home

The Fifth Wheel: Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Location TBA

Circle 6: Tues. Oct at 7:00 in the fellowship hall.

There will be a Congregational Meeting, if the way be clear, Sunday, October 16, 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

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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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 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:

Luton & Bates Families

Next week:

Hawley & Loebke Families

Hosts: Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Ushers:

Jim & Jean Elder
Sandy Elder & Perri Walden

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
Warren Liem

Class of 2013

Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

William B. Wade, Jr. *Pastor*
Louly Fowler Hay

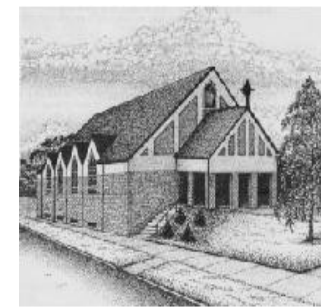
Parish Associate
Dan Walden *Director of Youth*
and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug *Secretary-Treasurer*
Alan Bunn *Music Director*

Alice Walker CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato
Nursery

Krissy Jones *Director of the*
Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

October 2, 2011

World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Hymn to Joy* Ludwig van Beethoven
Adagio in G Minor Thomaso Albinoni

INTROIT *Kumbaya* Traditional/arr. Bell

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67:3-4

Let the people praise you, O God;
Let all the people praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

* HYMN 423 DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

John 14:27; Philippians 4:7
Jesus said, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be
afraid."
**The peace of God that surpasses all our understand-
ing guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our
Lord.**

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 *Prayer for Today* Tucker/arr. Kemp
Sanctuary Choir

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 John 17:11, 15-23