

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS
Hymn 276, refrain
Great is Thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

* 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 *Pie Jesu* from "Requiem" Gabriel Fauré
 Janet Carmichael, 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

Living God, help us so to hear your Holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 35:4-5;
 36:2-7
 II Corinthians 9:6-9

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Declaration of Faith
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of

worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Heavenly Sunlight* arr. Diane Bish

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
 Hymn 428, stanza 1 SCHUMANN
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, we come giving thanks for the abundance of your blessings. Help us to grow in our faith, to stretch without becoming overburdened, to find the joy in offering ourselves to you. Take what we bring in gratitude, and do with it more than we yet have imagined; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 430 DARWALL'S 148TH
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

A TIME OF COMMITMENT

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE BOURBON
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
 Sanctuary Choir

* POSTLUDE *Prelude in D Minor* J. S. Bach

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—Newton Medical	Covington Square
†Julie Monroe—complications from heart transplant (friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson)	†Rita Harrell
†Molly Weber—surgery at Egleston on Thursday (child of Kevin and Callie Weber)	†Joy Knight
†Emory Bowen—ICU Newton Med. (brother-in-law of Debbie Gossage)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)	†Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
†Lee Ellen Digby—home (mother of Terri Digby-McCarthy)	†Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
†JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant	†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)	†Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
†Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)	†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)	Benton House
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida	†Helen and George Stamps
†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)	†Mary Crudup
	Military:
	†Savannah Cannon
	†Mike Laib
	†John Rossi
	†Renee Boston
	Hospital Visitor: <i>Jon Williams</i>

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 23 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	Thursday, October 27 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, October 25 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, October 30 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection
Wednesday, October 26 4:00 Adventure Club 5:45 Mid-week Feast 6:45 DVD Series 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

Activities in the Life of the Church

Today is Consecration Sunday. 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! The menu is: ham, fried chicken, creamed potatoes with gravy, green beans, corn, squash casserole, salad, rolls and desserts.

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

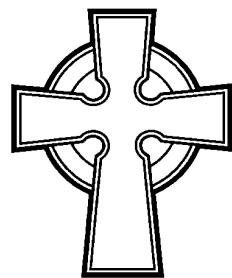
Mid-Week Feast Join us in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu for this week is: chicken potpie, fried chicken, green salad and rolls. Bring a dessert to share. Please sign up by filling out a reservation form in the pews or calling the church office no later than Monday afternoon.

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."



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 our sanctuary.** This will be a free concert for the entire community.

The *Requiem* concert can be particularly helpful for those who recently have lost loved ones. It is a reminder that when people we love die, we grieve. That grief often is beyond the words we are able to express. The music helps express our grief, and the assurance that we do not grieve as people who have no hope.



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:
Ann Bouchillon
Trista Hooten-Young

Next week:
Arnold Family
Nina Giles

Host:
Jonathan & Lynn Miller

Ushers:

Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

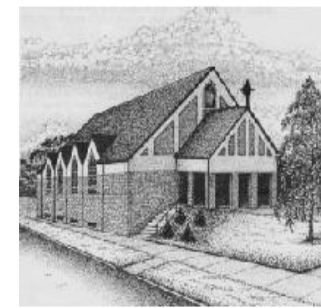
Class of 2011
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i> <i>Parish Associate</i>	Alice Walker Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato Krissy Jones	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the</i>
Dan Walden Peni Haug Alan Bunn	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
October 23, 2011
Consecration Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Invocation to the Holy Spirit David Paxton

INTROIT

Kum By Yah arr. Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless God's holy name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God is to be revered above all gods...
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts!

* HYMN 476 LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our gracious, loving Creator, we have experienced your benevolence, yet we confess that we have not always been generous toward you or our neighbor in need. We have hoarded love, been skimpy with compassion, and stingy with forgiveness, while continuing to expect your blessings. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us, lest we be robbed of the joy of giving, even as in Christ you have given so extravagantly to us.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS