

* **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 our Risen Lord Jesus 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 "Sanctus" from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré

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 I Corinthians 1:18-25

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 371** CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
from A Declaration of Faith
All things will be renewed in Christ. In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY DARWALL'S148th
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
 Hymn 422, stanza 1 BEACH SPRING
God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Creator God, as you fashioned Christ as the foundation stone of your grace and truth, so fashion our gifts into building blocks. Provide for us the mortar of your loving care, so that our many offerings might create a house strong and united, constructed on the solid rock of faithful sacrifice. Design for us rooms to shelter the homeless, doors to welcome the stranger. Use these gifts so that all might dwell in peace and security; in the name of the carpenter, who is our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 526** SINE NOMINE
For All the Saints

* **CHARGE** Romans 12:12
 Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

* **BENEDICTION** John 14:27; Philippians 4:7

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Allegro Maestoso* George Frideric Handel

The flowers in the church were given by the Newton County Arts Association in thanksgiving for the partnership between the Association and First Presbyterian Church for graciously hosting rehearsals and auditions for community arts performances.

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—Rehabilitation Center In Madison	†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
†Joyce Ashworth's sister—fall/hip surgery	Covington Square
†Julie Monroe—complications from heart transplant (friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson)	†Rita Harrell
†Molly Weber—surgery, home (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
†Courteney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida	†Helen and George Stamps
	†Mary Crudup
	Military:
	†Savannah Cannon
	†Mike Laib
	†John Rossi
	†Renee Boston
	Hospital Visitor: Mary Bollinger

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 30 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 1:00 Rake and Run 2:30 Fauré Requiem Concert	Thursday, November 3 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, November 1 10:00 Circle 1, 4:00 Exercise Class	Friday, November 4 Montreat Retreat Begins
Wednesday, November 2 4:00 Adventure Club 5:45 Mid-week Feast 6:45 DVD Series 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	Sunday, November 6 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection

Activities in the Life of the Church

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. 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 in our sanctuary. This is a free concert for the entire community. **Nursery care will be provided.**

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.

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: Salisbury steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, corn, turnip greens, cornbread 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 "Moses and Exodus."



Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings for November

Circle I—November 1, 10:00 at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-4932.

Circle II—November 1, 10:00 at the home of Francis Ivey, 770-787-8158.

Circle III—November 1, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson, 770-786-0695.

Circle IV—November 1, 10:30 in the home of Day Kennon, 770-786-0443.

Circle V—"The 5th Wheel" TBA.

Circle VI—November 1, 7:00 in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Judy Hooten, 770-786-6640.

The **Early Learning Center's** fall fundraiser is in full swing. **Butter Braids** may be ordered today by placing your order with Carol Dunbar. Six different pastry flavors are available at a cost of \$12 each. Delivery will be Nov. 16 in time for your holiday meals.

Coat Collection

In cooperation with the Covington First United Methodist Church, the Witness Team will be collecting gently used coats, jackets, blankets and only new socks for children and adults. A plastic bin will be provided in the hallway leading to the elevator. These needed coats, blankets and socks will then be distributed to families in need so they will have a much warmer winter.

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: wbwade@bellsouth.net, djwalden@mac.com, penihaug@bellsouth.net
Website: www.fpccov.org
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 November: beef stew, chicken & dumplings, corned beef hash, chili, sloppy Joes, 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:

Arnold Family
Nina Giles

Next week:
Gregory Family
Andrea Heisel

Hosts:

Chris & Barbara Martin

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

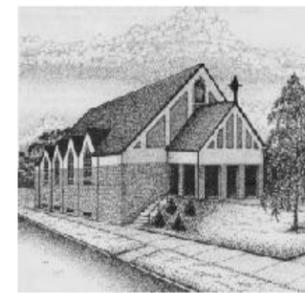
Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

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>	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>Parish Associate</i> <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 30, 2011

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Festival Piece on NICA EA

INTROIT

ROCKINGHAM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* HYMN 151

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and merciful God, hear us as we pray. We have been told the Good News, but often we have not heard it. Christ has been among us, but we have failed to recognize him. We have trusted in our own plans and despaired of the results. We have hoped for too little and been unable to see the future you have made for us. Forgive us. Open our ears and our eyes, and make our hearts burn with the remembrance of your Word; through Christ our Lord.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS