

\* HYMN (Hymn 298, stanza 1) IN BABILONE  
***There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
 like the wideness of the sea;  
 There's a kindness in God's justice,  
 which is more than liberty.  
 There is no place where earth's sorrows are  
 more felt than up in heaven;  
 There is no place where earth's failings  
 have such kindly judgment given.***

\* 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 *The Lord is My Shepherd* Rutter  
 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 Exodus 32:1-14

SERMON Bobbie Wrenn Banks  
*God's Treasured Possession*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*(written by the Confirmation Class at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 1972)*  
**We believe in one God and Father of all life;  
 who created light to fill the dark void of space;  
 who leads us in Exodus from bondage to freedom;  
 who is the source of all life and all light and  
 all freedom; whose justice is His mercy, whose  
 wrath is His peace.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, His only Son, our  
 Lord;  
 who came into the world to be the light to dispel  
 our darkness; who teaches us and heals our minds  
 and bodies; who shares His victory in life and  
 death so that we may live and die in faith and  
 hope.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's gift of His  
 presence with us now;  
 who calls us to be His Church and fills our lives**

**with wonder and purpose; who witnesses to the  
 mighty works of God and sends us out as the  
 scattered church to live the life of love  
 and forgiveness.  
 This we believe in the name of the Father,  
 Son and Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.**

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Aubrey Evans

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Arr. Mark Thallander  
*Meditation on O Store Gud*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
 Hymn 555, stanza 1 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands  
 and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In  
 whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mothers'  
 arms, Hath blessed us on our way with countless  
 gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Lord, however long we live; our times are in Your  
 hands. We count our days and fill them up with  
 daily blessings. We count our weeks and fill them  
 up with our busyness. We count our years and fill  
 them up with our needs. But as stewards, dear Lord,  
 take our times of life and love and fear and worry  
 and need and redeem our times. Let us occupy our  
 calendars to share Your blessings daily, weekly,  
 yearly...thus, to minister and give back of Your  
 bounty. Lord, we dedicate our times as well as our  
 gifts. However long we live, our times are in Your  
 hands. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE  
 WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* HYMN 361 FOUNDATION  
*How Firm a Foundation*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Philippians 4:4-9

\* CHORAL RESPONSE *Kum By Yah* arr. Bell  
 Sanctuary Choir

\* POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

**Consecration Sunday** will be October 23, during the worship service. A festive lunch will be served in our fellowship hall after the service. Everyone is invited! Please fill out a reservation card by next Sunday so we can prepare the food in good quantity. Thanks!

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Our guest preacher today is **Bobbie Wrenn Banks**. Bobbie Wrenn earned a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1988. Following seminary she became founding director of the St. Paul UMC older adult center in Grant Park. For the past 25 years her ministry has focused on peacemaking and building a nuclear weapons-free world, primarily through Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) where she served as board president and national field director. She is currently enrolled through the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as a Candidate in preparation for ordination. Bobbie Wrenn and her husband Dave are members of North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

- \* 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**

†Julie Monroe—complications from heart transplant (friend of Courtney & Eric Henderson)	<b>Covington Square</b> †Rita Harrell
†Jeanne Cannon—home	†Joy Knight
†Emory Bowen—home (brother-in-law of Debbie Gossage)	<b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b>
† 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
†William Lawson—home	†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
†JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant	† Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
†Linda Boyd-home	†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Sam Hay, Jr.—home	<b>Benton House</b>
†Jack Yoder—home	†Helen and George Stamps
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)	†Mary Crudup
†Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)	<b>Military:</b>
†Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)	†Savannah Cannon
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida	†Mike Laib
†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)	†John Rossi
	†Renee Boston

**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.*

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

<b>Sunday, October 9</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Thursday, October 13</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir 12:00 Saints' Luncheon
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b> No Exercise Class	<b>Sunday, October 16</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 5:45 Mid-week Feast 6:45 DVD Series 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	

## Activities in the Life of the Church

**There will not be Exercise Class** this week. Tuesday, October 11. Classes **will resume** Tuesday, October 18, 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

**Mid-Week Feast** Join us the Martin Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu for this week is: barbeque ribs, fried chicken, cole slaw, baked beans 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 Youth Lounge. We will be viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament." The lesson this week is "The Jacob Saga." Call Carol and Ellis Dunbar at (770) 787-2657 for further information.

### SILVER SAINTS

A "covered dish" luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 13, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall for the Silver Saints, Ambassador Choir and friends of FPC. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Please call Jean Elder at 770-787-7951 or the church office at 770-786-7321 to make a reservation.



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. The combined choirs will perform with strings (hired musicians), organ, and harp. Other choral anthems will also be sung by the combined choirs as well, and the concert will last approximately one hour.

**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. A meeting of the church corporation will also be convened.

**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. Items such as soaps, tissues, lotions, and candy 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.

### 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](http://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 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:

Hawley & Loebler Families

#### Next week:

Karen Laib  
Weesner Family

**Hosts:** Jerry Gunter

#### Ushers:

Frank & Sarah Davis  
Jim & Sandy Elder

#### 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*

*Parish Associate*

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

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

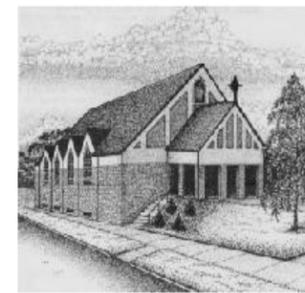
Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

*Organist/Ambassador Choir*

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato  
*Nursery*

Krissy Jones  
*Director of the Early Learning Center*



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

October 9, 2011

### Order of Worship

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* J. S. Bach  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Walther

INTROIT *I Will Praise You, O God* Patterson  
Children's Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 106

Praise the Lord!

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

\* HYMN 240 DARWALL'S 148TH

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 106

**Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly. Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wonderful works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled against the Most High. They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS