

- \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

ANTHEM *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* BOURBON  
Sanctuary Choir  
Laurie Bunn, soloist

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would My disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after Me.  
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.  
Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:  
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

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 Psalm 19:14  
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Proverbs 1:20-33  
Mark 8:27-38

SERMON Larry Owens  
*Disciples at the Crossroads*

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

- \* HYMN 522 LAND OF REST  
*Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IX.5*  
**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.**

**No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.**

**We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.**

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross,  
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Hymn 369, stanza 1 I'M GONNA LIVE  
*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
***I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!***  
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- \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Lord, mold us in your image, and make us instruments of your truth and love, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD*

- \* HYMN 371 CRUCIFER  
*Lift High the Cross*
- \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL RESPONSE *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS CANON
- \* POSTLUDE

**Witness Lunch** for today has been canceled.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \*Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- \*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**

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| † Betty Bailey - tests   | † John Braden - heart transplant needed                                     |
| † Ricky Loftin - foot surgery  | <b>Covington Square</b>   |
| † Janet Loeble - foot surgery  | † Rita Harrell and  |
| † Clarence Price - home  | † Joy Knight  |
| † Casity Koerner, cousin of Lori Ardis - premature birth of baby Drew                        | <b>Nursing Homes:</b>   |
| † Greta Haug, Peni & Bob Haug's daughter - tests   | † Sarah Chesnut and   |
| † Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niece-in-law - breast cancer                                       | † Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor  |
| † Camren, Doug Houck's grandson - hospital   | † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers                                       |
| † Peter Mussarra - tests, father of Danielle Schubert  | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center                            |
| † Danny Vining - radiation therapy   | † Hal Cline   |
| † Kathryn Hunnicutt - Riverside  | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Errol Milner - heart surgery, Joe and Lucy Morcock Milner's grandson (Day Kennon's sister) | <b>Military:</b>  |
| † Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis                                      | † David and Savannah Rickert  |
| † Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother - home  | † Mike Laib   |
| † Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer   |   |
- The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Barbara Martin.*

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

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| <b>Sunday, September 13</b>    | <b>Thursday, September 17</b>                  |
| 9:45 Sunday School             | 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast                    |
| 11:00 Worship Service          | 10:30 Ambassador Choir                         |
| 6:00 Youth Connection          |  |
| <b>Tuesday, September 15</b>   | <b>Saturday, September 19</b>                  |
| 4:00 Exercise Class            | Presbytery Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian |
| <b>Wednesday, September 16</b> | <b>Sunday, September 20</b>                    |
| 4:00 Adventure Club            | 9:45 Sunday School                             |
| 6:00 Mid-Week Feast            | 11:00 Worship Service                          |
| 6:30 Handbell Choir            | Noon Session Meeting                           |
| 6:45 Study Series              | 6:00 Youth Connection                          |
| 7:15 Sanctuary Choir           |  |

**Presbytery Meeting:** The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta meets next Saturday at Westminster Church. Our representatives will be: Jean Blair, Stephanie Fortson and Billy Wade. Keep them in your prayers.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**AN EXERCISE CLASS** meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

**MID-WEEK FEAST** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is: baked chicken, fried chicken, Italian beans, dressing, rice and rolls. Please fill out one of the reservation forms in the pew pocket and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, or make your reservations online at [www.fpccpv.org](http://www.fpccpv.org).

### Sunday School for Adults

Please join us for a special combined Sunday School class for adults in the fellowship hall. We will have a conversation about emotional health led by Tamela Turner (Pastoral Counselor), and Rebecca Bates (Certified Counselor). Following is the schedule of topics:

- "Healthy Families" - September 13th
- "Healthy Aging" - September 20th

### Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series.

This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "The Gospel of John." Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast.

There will be a Congregational Meeting, if the way be clear, on Sunday, September 27, 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 elders to the class of 2012.

**Welcome our guest preacher:** Larry Owens of Atlanta, Georgia, is director of development in Georgia for Thornwell Home for Children, a ministry of the PCUSA congregations in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina founded in 1875. Often described as "the most remarkable ministry to children in the Presbyterian Church," Thornwell provides a home for over 100 children whose lives have been shattered by abuse, neglect, abandonment, and other human tragedies.

Prior to joining the Thornwell staff in 1999, Larry was a "tent-maker" pastor, serving three exuberant congregations successively (1986-1999) in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta while working in the marketplace. His dual involvement in the workplace and the Church gave him a unique perspective on living the faith in a consumer-driven culture.

Prior to joining Thornwell, he was president of Hospitality International, Inc., an Atlanta-based hotel company.

Larry holds undergraduate degrees in Accounting and in Christian Education, along with master degrees in Divinity and in Christian Education, and recent advanced studies in theology at Columbia Theological Seminary.

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### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group now meets on Thursdays, 11:30-12:00 p.m. If you have prayer requests, please write them down and place them in the wooden prayer box on the narthex table. If you would like to be a part of the prayer group, please talk with Grace Ottley or Alice Walker.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

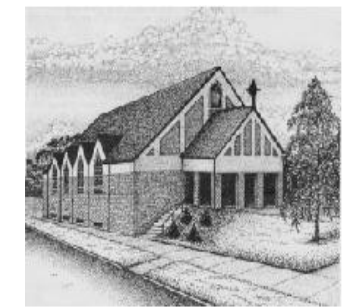
<p><b>Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:</b> Weesner Family Hawley Family</p> <p><b>Next week:</b> Ann Bouchillon Laib Family</p>	<p><b>Hosts:</b> Terri Digby and John McCarthy</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Jim &amp; Pam Stillerman Betty &amp; Bernice Bailey</p> <p><b>Sound System</b> Ken Walker</p>
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

<p><b>Class of 2009</b> Doug Bolton Elizabeth Daniell Terri Digby Lane Dobbs Barbara Johnson Bill Loeble Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2010</b> Stephanie Fortson Ruth McDaniel Jonathan Miller Pam Stillerman Gene Wallace</p>	<p><b>Class of 2011</b> Jean Blair Carol Dunbar Rick Gunter Jay Lanners Donna Weesner</p>
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### CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alan Bunn <i>Choir Director</i>	
Louly F. Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO,</i>	
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	<i>Organist &amp; Ambassador Choir</i>	
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>	
	Deana Graham <i>Director, ELC</i>	



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia  
Order of Worship  
September 13, 2009  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

INTROIT *As Deer Long for the Streams*      ROCKINGHAM

- \* CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 19:7-11  
The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.  
**The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.**  
The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.  
**The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes.**  
God's reputation is twenty-four carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee.  
**The decisions of God are accurate, down to the nth degree.**  
Moreover, God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.  
**Otherwise, how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool?**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Hymn 396      Tune - AMAZING GRACE  
*O for a Closer Walk with God*  
**O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!**  
**Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast.**  
**The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from Thy throne, and worship only Thee.**  
**So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Hymn 576    *Gloria, Gloria*  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**