

Forgive us, and fill us with your goodness, so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 579
Gloria Patri

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
Forgiven and renewed by Christ's Spirit, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Nelson
Whoever Would be Great Among You
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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
What Do You Say?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 335 O WALY WALY
Though I May Speak

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HATTE
O That I Had a Thousand Voices, solo

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDRETH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Increase our faith, O God. Open our lives to your abundant grace, our minds to the wonder of the future you create for us. Let us leave this place with the Good News on our lips, seeking to love others as you have loved us; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 466 AZMON
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING
Go out into the world in peace and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

* CHORAL RESPONSE WINCHESTER NEW
Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

* POSTLUDE



A new **Grief Support Group** will begin October 7th at 3pm. The time or day may change after the first meeting to accommodate group member needs. There is no charge. Donations are welcomed! The group will meet in room 213 of the Conyers Presbyterian Church at 911 Main Street with the Rev. Dr. Tamela Turner, LPC of the CCCG Rockdale/Newton office. You may call her at 770 922- 3044, for further information.

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

† Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford	† Rita Harrell and Joy Knight
† Betty Bailey - tests	Nursing Homes:
† Ricky Loftin - foot surgery	† Kathryn Hunnicutt - Riverside
† Janet Burtt - foot surgery, home	† Sarah Chesnut and Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor
† Casity Koerner, cousin of Lori Ardis - premature birth of baby Drew	† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
† Greta Haug, Peni & Bob Haug's daughter - tests	† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
† Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niece-in-law - breast cancer	† Hal Cline
† Camren, Doug Houck's grandson - home	† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Peter Mussarra - tests, father of Danielle Schubert	Military:
† Danny Vining - radiation therapy	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Errol Milner - heart surgery, Joe and Lucy Morcock Milner's grandson (Day Kennon's sister)	† Mike Laib
† Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis	
† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer	
† John Braden - heart transplant needed	

Covington Square

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Barbara Martin.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, September 20 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Connection 12:00 Session Meeting	Thursday, September 24 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, September 22 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, September 27 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Congregational Meeting 6:00 Youth Connection
Wednesday, September 23 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:45 Study Series 7:15 Sanctuary Choir	

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE SESSION will meet today immediately following the worship service, in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

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: turkey pot pie, tossed salad, fruit salad, 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.

Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series.

This week Dr. Phillip Cary's lecture from the series, *The History of Christian Theology*, will be: "Varieties of Early Christianity." Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m.

There will be a Congregational Meeting next 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. Nominee biographies are on the insert in today's bulletin.

New Visitation Program Begins in September

A new homebound visitation program will begin in September. Volunteer visitors will be assigned a homebound person for one month. During the month the volunteer will either visit, call, or send a card each week.

We hope to build a pool of visitors large enough to require a commitment of no more than two months. We encourage you to sign up as a family. Children can establish a life-time habit of ministering from beginning to visit with their families. Of course, the homebound love seeing the children. Please contact Linda Boyd at 770-787-3350 or linda.h.boyd@comcast.net to volunteer.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Go to www.fpccov.org for up-to-date information on what's happening in the life of the church.

**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.
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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

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:
Ann Bouchillon
Laib Family
Next week:

Loucy/Sam Hay Family
Stillerman Family

Hosts:
Agnes Campbell

Ushers:
Jim & Pam Stillerman
Betty & Bernice Bailey

Sound System
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

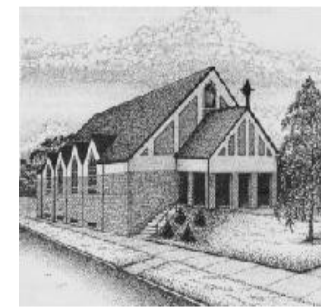
Class of 2009
Doug Bolton
Elizabeth Daniell
Terri Digby
Lane Dobbs
Barbara Johnson
Bill Loeble
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2010
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

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

CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia
Order of Worship
September 20, 2009
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT *Listen to the Word* Bell
Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:2-4
Every day I will bless you and
praise your name for ever and ever.
**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.**
One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

* HYMN 455 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we profess our faith, but our lives often have betrayed you. We have been too quick to criticize and too slow to forgive. We have hurt others with stinging words. We have been hesitant to speak up when courage has been required.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRENTHAM
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Lord, we have been loud when we have felt offended, and quiet when others have needed our support. We have spread gossip, and held back the truth. We have spoken out of both sides of our mouths. God, help us to be better listeners.
(silence)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.