

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* 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 Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM The Lord's Prayer Head
Perri Walden, 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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:38-50

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
For Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 411 FESTAL SONG
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TERRA BEATA

Hymn 293, stanza 2
This is my Father's world: Oh let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: The battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

\* HYMN 554, stanza 1 ASH GROVE
Let All Things Now Living

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, help our lives to express the faith we profess, so that others also may hear and know your abundant love; for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE GERMANY
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\* POSTLUDE

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by the Youth Connection to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Timmins, mother of Meghann Timmins.



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

\* Meghann Timmins and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are 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

- List of names and their circumstances: Marguerite Stillerman - pneumonia, Newton Medical; Lelia Raines - radiation therapy; Bob Lanford, Father of Rob Lanford; Betty Bailey - surgery; Janet Burtts - foot surgery, home; Casity Koerner, cousin of Lori Ardis - premature birth of baby Drew; Greta Haug, Peni & Bob Haug's daughter - surgery; Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niece-in-law - breast cancer; Danny Vining - radiation therapy; Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins disease, friend of Judy Davis; Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer; John Braden - heart transplant needed; Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens, Conyers; Margie Rutherford - Rockdale Health Care Center; Hal Cline; Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville; Military: David and Savannah Rickert; Mike Laib.

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Cathy Dobbs and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Susan Burns, who died last Tuesday in Nashville, Tennessee.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.

- Covington Square: Rita Harrell and Joy Knight; Nursing Homes: Kathryn Hunnicutt - Riverside; Sarah Chesnut and Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

- Sunday, September 27: 9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 Worship Service, 12:00 Congregational Meeting, 6:00 Youth Connection; Tuesday, September 29: 4:00 Exercise Class; Wednesday, September 30: 4:00 Adventure Club, 6:00 Mid-Week Feast, 6:30 Handbell Choir, 6:45 Study Series, 7:15 Sanctuary Choir; Thursday, October 1: 7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast, 10:30 Ambassador Choir; Sunday, October 4: 9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 Worship Service, 6:00 Youth Connection.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**There will be a Congregational Meeting** today 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.

**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: barbeque ribs, fried chicken, potato salad and baked beans. 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).

FPC will be supporting the community effort to purchase **bullet proof vests for Newton County Sheriff's Deputies**. Each vest costs \$600 - \$700. Our goal is to raise enough funds from congregational donations to purchase five (5) vests. When donating, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Covington, and note the purpose as Newton Sheriff's Office Vests. Through our donations we may help save a deputy's life.



### Wednesday Evening DVD Lectures Series.

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

### Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Please mark your calendars for our October circle meetings and call the hostess to say you'll be there!

**Circle I** - To be announced (Ann Bouchillon, Chair)

**Circle II** - Tuesday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Bettie Miller, 2442 Harvest Dr., Conyers, 770-483-5694

**Circle III** - Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bernice and Betty Bailey, 8150 Woods St. Covington, 770-786-3048

**Circle IV** - Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Day Kennon, 4102 Conyers St., Covington, 770-786-0443

### 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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Covington, Georgia 30014

### 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.



PRAYER GROUP

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Loucy/Sam Hay Family  
Stillerman Family

#### Next week:

Lewis Family  
Arnold Family

#### Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

#### 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

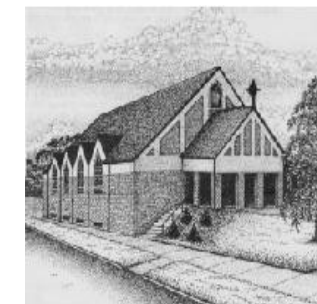
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

#### 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 <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 27, 2009  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

INTROIT *Listen to the Word*

Bell

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-3

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;  
tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.**  
Declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

\* HYMN 487 LAUDES DOMINI

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Hymn 347 DETROIT

(silence for prayer and reflection)

Choir:

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us Lord to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

(silence for prayer and reflection)

All:

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

(silence for prayer and reflection)

Choir:

*In blazing light, your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debts to you!*

(silence for prayer and reflection)

All:

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.**