

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AMAZING GRACE  
*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 and grace my fears relieved;  
 how precious did that grace appear  
 the hour I first believed.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Sweet Beulah Land* Parsons/Maudlin  
 Ambassador Choir  
 Danny Vining, soloist  
 Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land. I'm kind of homesick for a  
 country to which I've never been before. No sad good-byes will  
 there be spoken, for time won't matter anymore.  
 Beulah Land, I'm longing for you, and some day on thee I'll  
 stand. There my home shall be eternal. I'm looking now across  
 the river where my faith will end in sight. I've just a few more  
 days to labor, then I will take my heavenly flight. Beulah  
 Land, sweet Beulah Land.

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 7:24-30

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Beyond Our Limits*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 379 SOLID ROCK  
*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed  
 p. 16 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Kirkpatrick/Martin  
*Coming Home*  
 Ambassador Choir

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Fantasy* on FOUNDATION Alice Jordan

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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  
**Loving God, you give us life and set us free to  
 live as your people. Redeemed by your grace,  
 healed by your mercy and sustained by your  
 strength, we seek to offer others forgiveness,  
 healing and power in your name. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 423 DUKE STREET  
*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Proclaim the Goodness of the Lord* Martin  
 Ambassador Choir

\* POSTLUDE James Pethel  
*Like a River Glorious*

**WITNESS TEAM TO HOST DINNER**

On September 13th, the Witness Team is hosting  
 another congregational dinner in the Fellowship Hall immediately  
 following morning service. Fried chicken and potato salad will be  
 served, and take out boxes will be available, if needed:  
 \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Make plans to attend and enjoy  
 the fellowship. Please RSVP via Sunday Bulletin forms, by calling  
 the church office or by visiting the FPC website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

tear here and put in offering plate

**Witness Lunch Reservation**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_

# Children \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

† Becky Cannelongo, Joe's niece- in-law - breast cancer	† Sarah Chesnut and Sarah Hooten - Covington Manor
† Camrem, Doug Houck's grand- son - 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	† Russ Cole
† Mary Bollinger - rib injury, home	† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Sam Hay, III - home	<b>Military:</b>
† Errol Milner - heart surgery, Joe and Lucy Morcock Milner's grandson (Day Kennon's sister)	† David and Savannah Rickert
† Buddy Hughes - Hodgkins dis- ease, friend of Judy Davis	† Mike Laib
† Charlotte Demarest, Ginger DeBrosse's mother - home	<i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Lou Wolf who died recently.</i>
† Joe Hughes, brother of Leon Hughes - lung cancer	<i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Louly Hay.</i>
† John Braden - heart transplant needed	

**Covington Square**  
 † Rita Harrell and  
 † Joy Knight  
**Nursing Homes:**

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

<b>Sunday, September 6</b>	7:15 Sanctuary Choir
9:45 Sunday School	<b>Thursday, September 10</b>
11:00 Worship Service	7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
Monday, September 7	10:30 Ambassador Choir
Office Closed	<b>Sunday, September 13</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>	9:45 Sunday School
4:00 Exercise Class	11:00 Worship Service
<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>	noon Witness Lunch for the Congregation
4:00 Adventure Club	
6:00 Mid-Week Feast	
6:30 Handbell Choir	
6:45 Study Series	

**CHECK US OUT ONLINE!**

Go to [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org) for up-to-date information on  
 what's happening in the life of the church.

## 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 Marriages" - September 6th
- "Healthy Parenting" - 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 Synoptic Gospels."

Join this exciting group at 6:45 p.m. after the Mid-Week Feast to learn more about the Christian church, its history, beliefs, and theology. It is guaranteed that these lectures will inform, educate, and inspire you.

**Presbyterian Women's Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, Sept. 12--10:00 a.m. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**Circle III will also meet on Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eleanor Scarborough**

### 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. And of course the homebound love seeing the children. Please contact Linda Boyd at 770-787-3350 or [linda.h.boyd@comcast.net](mailto:linda.h.boyd@comcast.net) to volunteer.

**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.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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

Loeble Family  
Willis Family  
**Next week:**  
Weesner Family  
Hawley Family

#### Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson  
Donna Weesner

#### 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

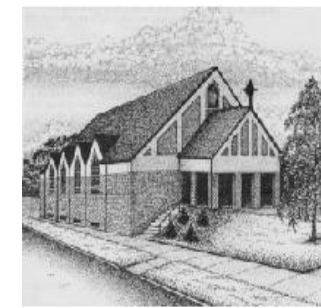
Stephanie Fortson  
Ruth McDaniel  
Jonathan Miller  
Pam Stillerman  
Gene Wallace

#### 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 6, 2009  
Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *When I Can Read My Title Clear* J. C. Lowery  
*Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* Hugh Wilson  
*On Jordan's Stormy Banks* American Folk Hymn

INTROIT *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA  
Ambassador Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 125:1-2  
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.  
**As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,  
so the Lord is round about God's people,  
from this time forth and for evermore.**

\* HYMN 229 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (sing on cue from cantor)

### PSALM 130

Hal H. Hopson



In you, O Lord, there is mer - cy.

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ  
**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**When I call, answer me.**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**Come and listen to me!**  
(sing three times)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hope in the Lord! For with God there is  
steadfast love; with God is great power to redeem.