

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

We light a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. We light a candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day.

When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window washers, and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

We remember that great courage.

When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

We remember selfless service.

When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.

When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

We remember the loss of human life.

When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.

When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.

When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

We are grateful for generosity.

God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance.

Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth.

Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TAIZÉ

Bless the Lord

Musical score for 'Bless the Lord' in G major, 4/4 time, tempo 76. The score is written for voice and piano. The lyrics are: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' and 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' The score includes guitar chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A, Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:6-8

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly!

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hawkins

You have been the kind maker of the world,
Father to an eternal nation of your graced people.

Come to our aid again;

Create new life among us once more.

**Rise up and have compassion on our world,
now so torn asunder with
our deadly machines
our deadly wills
our deadly times...**

To you, O Holy Spirit, we lift our voices,
to you, Sustainer of Life, we speak our supplications.

**You call us church;
you make us a people in Christ.**

But we are timid and lame:

we trust our defenses

we worship our securities

we shore up our safety.

We need your power to sustain our kingdom calling;
we require your presence to live like God's people,
for we dwell in a land betwixt and between:
full of freedom, full of sin.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CHORAL RESPONSE

BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Laurie Bunn, solo

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:6-8

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 455 stanza 6

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures, your Creator bless,

And worship God in humbleness.

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your
hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid."

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

Gabriel Faure': Introit and Kyrie from *Requiem*

LATIN

I. Introit

Requiem aeternam

dona eis, Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion, A hymn, O God, becometh Thee
in Zion,

et tibi reddetur

votum in Jerusalem;

exaudi orationem meam,

ad te omnis caro veniet.

Requiem aeternam

dona eis, Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

ENGLISH

Eternal rest

give to them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon
them.

and a vow shall be paid to Thee

in Jerusalem;

O Lord, hear my prayer,

all flesh shall come to Thee.

Eternal rest

give to them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon
them.

II. Kyrie

Kyrie eleison,

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy on us,

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

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.*

Anthem

Blest are They

David Haas

Children's and Sanctuary Choirs

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

Abigail Venham

WORDS OF FAITH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

RESIGNATION

HYMN 172 stanzas 1 and 2

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Hawkins

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Joyful Canticle* Kevin McChesney
Handbell Choir

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 591) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Almighty and Everlasting God, we pray that you would use these gifts and our lives to witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:18-39 Zachary Kimmel
WORDS OF PROMISE

* HYMN 564 MATERNA
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Philippians 4:4-7

* CHORAL RESPONSE RESIGNATION
HYMN 172 stanza 3
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

* POSTLUDE *Credo in Unum Deum* Everett Titcomb

* Please stand if you are able.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Some of the prayers this morning come from a sermon by Ralph W. Hawkins in the form of a psalm. Hawkins is the pastor of the Altavista Presbyterian Church in Altavista, Virginia.
- * "A Litany of Remembrance" and the concluding prayer were written by the Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and the Rev. Marcel A. Welty. Our members, Sherri and Doug Bolton, are retired from the DeKalb County Police Department.
- * Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, September 11
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, September 13
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 14
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast

Wednesday continued...
6:45 Choir Rehearsal
6:45 DVD Study

Thursday, September 15
10:30 Ambassador Choir

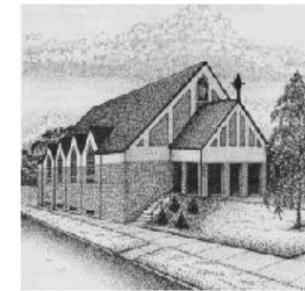
Sunday, September 18
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

September 11, 2011
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

PRELUDE *Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber

* SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91:1-2
Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the
Lord,
"My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust."

* PRAYER Hawkins
Into a sanctuary of gospel grace we have gathered, Lord;
from a world of relentless violence we have come.
All around us are deeds of arrogance and anger;
revenge and more revenge are our neighbors:
old wounds opened
cultures clashed
planes hijacked
anthrax found
troops sent out
hills/caves hunted
plastic/tape procured
threat colors adopted
war now engineered.

We are this day like a people torn in two:
Our hearts are here with you in praise;
our minds are all over the world in fear.

* HYMN 210 ST. ANNE
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:24
WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE



First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the **Care and Counseling Center of Rockdale and Newton**, a resource to help with counseling needs. Call 404-636-1457 ext. 436, for an appointment, or ask the church staff for more information.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Andrea Heisel
Gregory Family
Next week:
Ardis Family
Jessup Family

Host:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Bill & Diane Loebke
Gene Wallace, Stephanie Fortson

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
Day Kennon
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

CHURCH STAFF

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