

- * **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
On the evening of his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who were hiding in fear. He said, "Peace be with you." Ever since, his disciples have greeted one another in similar manner, in his name.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort* Ferguson
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

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:21-30

SERMON The Rev. Randy Calvo
Getting the Word Out

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 442 AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Pam Cottrell

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Hymn 400, stanza 2) SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God. We belong to God.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J. S. Bach

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CANONBURY
(Hymn 426, stanza 5)
**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as Thou wilt, and when and where;
until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord of life, we offer you the gift of ourselves, in grateful response to your inexpressible gift to us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
When We Are Living

* POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Robert J. Powell

* Please stand if you are able.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * The opening hymn this morning, *Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord*, is based on Psalm 148. It was set to music by Leonard Cooper Blanton, who graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1951 and named the tune for the seminary. It has been a theme hymn for Decatur Presbyterian Church. The language was revised by the late Columbia Seminary President/Professor Emeritus, C. Benton Kline in 1987.
- * The Rev. Randy Calvo, Jr., an ordained minister, PC(USA), from 1981-2007 served the McDonough Presbyterian Church and Northwest Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Since 2007 serving as the Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations at Columbia Seminary.
- * Mrs. Pam Cottrell formerly worked in development and alumni/ae affairs for 13 years at Georgia Tech. Since 2008 Pam has served as the Director of Annual Giving at Columbia Seminary.
- * 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

†William Lawson—home
†JoEllyn Kimball-complications of lung transplant
†Linda Boyd-home
†Sam Hay, Jr.—Newton Medical
†Erika Krauth—home
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
†Evelyn Underwood—Riverside (mother of Pam Stillerman)
†Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)
†Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
†Shirley Smith, needs kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)
Covington Square
†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor
†Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers
†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center
†Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens
†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
Benton House
†Helen and George Stamps
†Mary Crudup
Military:
†Savannah Cannon
†Mike Laib
†John Rossi
†Renee Boston

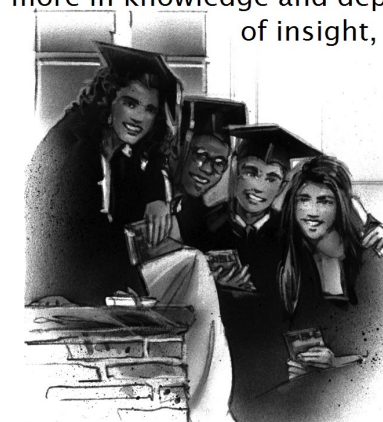
Hospital Visitor:
Louly Hay

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, September 18
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:30 Youth Connection
Tuesday, September 20
4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, September 21
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Choir Rehearsal
6:45 DVD Study

Thursday, September 22
10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, September 25
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Oxford Student Lunch
5:00 Youth Connection

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



Activities in the Life of the Church

Prayer Requests may be made by filling out the yellow cards in the pew racks and placing them in the offering plate or in the box on the table in the narthex.

Adventure Club for children Pre-K through 5th grade meets on Wednesdays, at 4:00.

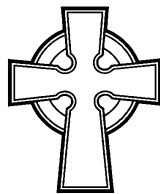
MID-WEEK FEAST: Join us for the Mid-Week Feast on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is: chicken pot pie, tossed salad and rolls; bring a dessert to share. Please fill out one of the reservation forms in the pew pocket and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, or make your reservations online at www.fpccov.org.

The DVD Lecture Series continues on Wednesdays, after the Mid-Week Feast. The group meets in the Youth Lounge. We will be viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament," with lectures by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The lesson this week is "Adam and Eve". Call Carol and Ellis Dunbar at (770) 787-2657 for further information.

Community Food Pantry Needs for September: shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. You may bring your donations to the church and put them in the Food Pantry collection tubs or drop them at the Food Pantry Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



Donations for a refrigerator and freezer for the Food Pantry are still being collected. If you'd like to contribute, make your check payable to FPC and put "refrigerator/freezer" in the memo space. Thank you for your generous donations.



The **Witness Team** is planning a mission trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 2-8. If you are interested in attending or finding out more about the trip, please call Patti Lanford at 770-490-3660 or Judy Davis at 770-464-4025 to get information. You may also fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate. Patti or Judy will call you.



Name _____ Phone _____

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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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:

Ardis Family
Jessup Family
Next week:
Shawn Loftin
Moss Family

Host:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Jon & Jane Williams
Roger & Tootles Tingler

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

William B. Wade, Jr.
Louly Fowler Hay

Pastor

Dan Walden
Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

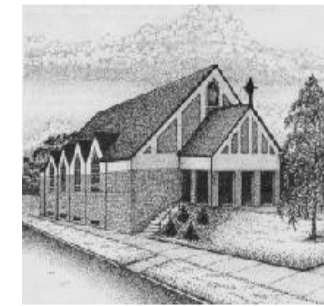
*Parish Associate
Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director*

Alice Walker
Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

*CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir*

Krissy Jones

*Nursery
Director of the
Early Learning Center*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

September 18, 2011
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Voluntary* Charles Callahan

INTROIT *When We Are Living* SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
**Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise God in the heights!**
Praise God, all the angels,
praise God, all the heavenly host!
Let us praise the name of the Lord!

* HYMN (insert) COLUMBIA

Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and merciful God, hear us as we pray. We have been told the Good News, but often we have not heard it. Christ has been among us, but we have failed to recognize him. We have trusted in our own plans and despaired of the results. We have hoped for too little and been unable to see the future you have made for us. Forgive us. Open our ears and our eyes, and make our hearts burn with the remembrance of your Word; through Christ our Lord.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

O people of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is God who redeems us from all our sins.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

(Hymn 479, stanza 1)
**Praise my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**