

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Psalm 130

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 iniquities.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SLANE

Hymn 339, stanza 3

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## ANTHEM Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hogan

*Jesus Lay Your Head in the Window*

Sanctuary and Ambassador Choirs

Bob Lange, baritone Janet Carmichael, soprano  
Arlene Woods, flute

*Jesus, lay your head in the window and hear some sinner pray. The wind blows east and the wind blows west; it blows like judgment day. And every soul that never did pray will be glad to pray on that day. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Please forgive me for I have fallen short of Thy glory. Jesus, lay your head in the window, and hear some sinner pray.*

## 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

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:14-16

## SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.

*Furnishings of the Faith: The Windows*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## \* HYMN 429 ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
(stanzas 1-3)

## \* 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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

## OFFERTORY Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN Arlene Woods, flute Alice Walker, piano

## \* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592) OLD HUNDREDTH *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## \* 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 429 ABBOT'S LEIGH *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (stanzas 4-5)

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \* CHORAL RESPONSE PUER NOBIS NASCITUR *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

## \* POSTLUDE Prelude in B-Flat Major J. S. Bach Arlene Woods, flute Alice Walker, piano

\* Please stand if you are able.

**We welcome** to our service this morning **Dr. Arlene Woods**, who will be playing flute for the prelude, anthem, and offertory. Dr. Woods' educational training was from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, with emphases in Curriculum, Instruction, and Music. She has been Band Director at Decatur High School, Sharp Middle School, Eastside High School, and Young Americans Christian School, and is currently Band Director at Peachtree Academy. Dr. Woods is the Founder and Director of the highly successful Covington-Conyers Community Orchestra, who have performed at First Presbyterian Church of Covington under the auspices of the Arts Association in Newton County.

## WORSHIP NOTES

\* 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

†JoEllyn Kimball—complications of lung transplant  
†Linda Boyd—hospital in Augusta  
†Mitchell Jessup—home (Nick Jessup's father)  
†Guy McGiboney—home  
†Erika Krauth—home  
†Lauren Whatley—knee surgery  
†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)  
†Don Adams—back surgery  
†Danny Jordan—home (Carolyn Jordan's son)  
†Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)  
†Evelyn Underwood—Riverside (mother of Pam Stillerman)  
†Clarence Price—at sister's home  
†Johnny Burns, Emily Warren & Colleen Sheehan—home (relatives of Cathy Dobbs)  
†Jeannie Liem—dialysis  
†Troy Turner—non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Jean Oldham's son)  
†Sandy Neisser—multiple leg surgeries over several weeks  
†Anita Huff—lung cancer, (step-daughter of Jean Oldham)  
†Courteney 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

Congratulations to Shaun and Aubrey Evans on the birth of their son, Holden Christopher Evans, as well as to grandparents Dan and Perri Walden and to aunt Jodi Walden.

### Hospital Visitor: Jim & Jean Elder

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, September 4

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

### Monday, September 5

**Labor Day**  
Church Offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 6

4:00 Exercise Class

### Wednesday, September 7

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 DVD Study

### Thursday, September 8

10:30 Ambassador Choir

### Sunday, September 11

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

## 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, baked potato bar and salad; 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

**The DVD Lecture Series** will begin this Wednesday, September 7, after the Mid-Week Feast. This year, we will be viewing and discussing the series, "The Old Testament," with lectures by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We would like to have a complement of at least 20 people attending, as this makes for very lively discussion and fellowship. Consider joining us for some scholarly lectures and discourse. Call Carol and Ellis Dunbar at (770) 787-2657 for further information.

**All women of the church are invited** to the first **Presbyterian Women's** meeting of the year in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendar! If you are not currently participating in a circle, you may call Linda Boyd at 770-787-3350 or email her at: [linda.h.boyd@comcast.net](mailto:linda.h.boyd@comcast.net).

**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.

**Refrigerator and freezer donations** are still being collected so that the inoperable ones at the Food Pantry can be replaced. Make a check out to FPC and put "refrigerator/freezer" in the memo space.

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.



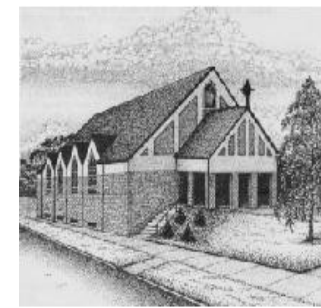
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### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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

Covington, Georgia

September 4, 2011  
Twenty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

### Order of Worship

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Dale Wood  
Alice Walker, organ  
*Simple Gifts* Shaker Hymn  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA  
Arlene Woods, flute Alice Walker, piano

INTROIT  
*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 43:3-4  
Send out your light and your truth, O God;  
let them lead us;  
**let them bring us to your holy hill and  
to your dwelling!**  
Then we will go to the altar of God,  
to God our exceeding joy;  
**and we will praise you with the lyre, O God, our God.**

\* HYMN 481 LLANFAIR  
*Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 130  
**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my suppli-  
cations! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord,  
who could stand? But, there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered. I wait for you, Lord, my  
soul waits, and in your word, I hope.**  
*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

CHORAL RESPONSE SLANE  
Hymn 339, stanza 1  
*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

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:

Nina Giles  
Arnold Family  
**Next week:**  
A. Heisel  
Gregory Family

**Hosts:**  
Stephanie Fortson; Donna Weesner

**Ushers:**  
Jan Giles; Beth Vining  
Bill & Diane Loeble

**Sound System:**  
Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Jean Blair	Bernice Bailey	Patrick Carmichael
Carol Dunbar	Rebecca Bates	Judy Davis
Rick Gunter	Day Kennon	Denny Dobbs
Jay Lanners	Mac Cranford	Aubrey Evans
Donna Weesner	Judy Hooten	Dave Gregory

### CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Nursery</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		