

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Patterson

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Children's 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Oh Lord, help us to look at your scripture not just as nice stories we grew up with, but as something we can look to for hope and guidance. When we come to church to hear your word, let us not think of it as something we have to do but instead let us listen and try to learn something new about your immense love. In your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 26:7-9, 11-14

Psalms 65:9-13

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God and Father of all life;

Who created light to fill the dark void of space;

Who leads us yet in Exodus from bondage to freedom;

Who is the source of all life and all light and all

freedom; Whose justice is His mercy, and whose wrath is

His peace.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

Who came into the world to be the light to dispel our

darkness;

Who teaches us and heals our minds and bodies;

Who shares his victory in life and death so that we may live

and die in faith and hope.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's gift of his presence with

us now; Who calls us to be his church and fills our lives with

wonder and purpose;

Who witnesses to the mighty works of God and sends us out

as the scattered church to live the life of love and forgiven.

This we believe in the name of the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

(Written by the North Decatur Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class of 1972)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, **We thank you, God.**

For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life, **We thank you, God.**

For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,

We thank you, God.

For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

We thank you, God.

For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe, **We thank you, God.**

From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand, **Good Lord deliver us.**

From squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share, **Good Lord deliver us.**

From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation, **Good Lord deliver us.**

For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts, **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth, **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew, **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Nocturne

Jason Krug

Handbell Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Hymn 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All good gifts come from you, dear God, and you reveal glimpses of your grace through them. Thank you for inviting us to be partners with you in caring for your creation. We offer these gifts now, knowing that they come first from you, then from other members of your family of creation, then from us. Bless these symbols of our awareness that we

depend upon you and your creation for all that we call "ours." Please accept these gifts and our desire to be your partners. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 472 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Handbell Recessional*

Handbell Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

Kenneth D. Varner

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

* Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Grace Ottley, tests, home

† Jack Yoder - rehabilitation at Madison

† Jan Coulon - cancer treatment

† Patrick Carmichael - cataract surgery

† Velma Prescott - at daughter's home

† Judy Findlay - liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)

† Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside

† Wannie Burdett - stage 4 lung cancer (mother of Darris Burrell)

† Darris Burrell - broken hip

† Danielle Schubert—chemotherapy, home

† Agnes Vining—treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)

† Richard Katenkamp—lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems')

† Anderson Krieger--Leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)

† Barbara Johnson—home

† Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; home

† Clarence Price - Parkview Manor

† Roland Nelson—very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)

† Erin Kelahan—auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)

† Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton

† Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant

† Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

† Jackie Wood—brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)

† Shirley Smith—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square

† Rita Harrell

† Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens

† Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens

† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

† Doris Hicks - Merryvale

† Hazel McClure - Riverside

† Murray McClure - Benton House

Benton House

† Helen and George Stamps

† Mary Crudup

† Doris Mote

† Frances Ivey

We extend our prayers and sympathy for Meghann Timmins, whose grandmother, Helen Timmins died this week and also for Day and Larry Kennon on the death of their friend, Sylvia Smith, who died last week.

Congratulations to Jake McCarthy who was awarded a superior rating for his violin playing at the solo and ensemble festival last weekend.

Hospital Visitor:

Linda Boyd

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Dedication Recital: The historic Druid Hills Presbyterian Church has renovated its sanctuary. Our former organist, Cliff Frierson, who is the organist at Druid Hills PC, will be giving a dedication recital today at 4:00 pm. We are invited to come see and hear.

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **This week, May 1**, the hosts will be the leaders and boys of our Cub Scout Pack. The menu is: spaghetti with meat sauce or a vegetarian sauce, tossed green salad, garlic bread and dessert. No need for diners to bring a dessert. The cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for kids under 10. Please make reservations by filling out the reservation form found in the pew pocket or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

Wednesday Night Study Group: The final topic of "Great Figures of the New Testament" will be THE CHRIST OF FAITH. Join the study group on Wednesday, May 1, 2103. The group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy -Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Ushers Needed: Anyone interested in helping with ushering contact Jim Stillerman at jdsga@aol.com or his cell 770-843-2805, leave a message with your name and number if you get his voicemail.

May Circle Meetings:

Circle I - Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. will meet at the home of Ann Bouchillon

Circle II—Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. will meet at the home of Judy Davis. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the church at 9:30. Call Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246 or Bettie Miller, 770-483-5694 if you plan to meet at the church.

Circle III—Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.

Circle IV—Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. will meet at the home of Stephanie Scarborough.

Circle V— Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. will meet at the home of Anne Savage.

Quarterly Statements of contributions are available for those who have made a pledge to the church. The statements are located in the narthex in the marked box in alphabetical order.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 28
Youth Sunday
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, April 30
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, May 1
4:00 Adventure Club
4:00 Prayer Group
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Choir Rehearsal
6:45 DVD Study Group

Thursday, May 2
Presbytery Meeting at Eastminster
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, May 5
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Vacation Bible School
Save the Date:
July 8-12

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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Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for April:

boxed dinners with meat, spaghetti-os; ravioli, noodle rings, etc.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Trista Hooten Wilson

Next Week:

Bates Family

Ushers:

Dave Gregory & Family

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

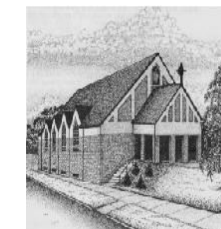
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Fifth Sunday
of Easter
Youth Sunday
April 28, 2013**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *The Blessed Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* J. S. Bach
O Worship the King Franklin Ritter
The Lord's My Shepherd Lani Smith

INTROIT *Handbell Processional*
Handbell Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Nehemiah 9:6
You made the heavens, even the highest heavens,
and all their starry host;
the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.
You give life to everything,
and the multitudes of heaven worship you. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 478** LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen: you place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **RESPONSE TO 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.