

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**No Youth Connection or Adventure Club** this week due to Spring Break.

On **Easter Sunday** for the 10th year in a row our **Flower Cross** will be erected. Please bring fresh cut flowers to decorate the cross. This has been a wonderful tradition for our church to show the community the beautiful reminder of the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Once again it is time for us to begin thinking about our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Christ.** Our church will be responsible for baby bags again this year; so we will be collecting receiving blankets, baby wipes, small size baby powder, soap and lotion, hand sanitizers, and cloth diapers. We can still use travel size shampoos and soaps. You can also contribute to the mission by purchasing:

- > a water filter-\$30.00
- > a Spanish Bible or New Testament-\$5.00-\$7.00
- > paying for extra luggage \$40.00
- > or simply contributing to the mission in general. We always find needs that we were not expecting. Last year we were able to buy a child's hearing aids with money that you had contributed. Checks can be made to the church with Nicaragua in the memo.

**The refrigerator** is going to be emptied and cleaned, so claim your items quickly. We will need every inch possible for hosting Holy Week meals April 14 through April 18. So, if you don't want your items tossed, please rescue them from the fridge downstairs in the kitchen. Thank you from the Congregational Life and Care Team.

**Longleaf Hospice Invites You to a Memorial Service** to be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. You may bring photos of your departed loved ones. A reception will follow the service. Please respond by April 7. Loy Turner, 770-824-3200, ext. 3000.

**Welcome families and new members...**come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!! This annual church event will have traditional outside games for all ages like sack races, crafts, and Easter egg hunt (2 p.m.). Please RSVP by April 16.

**When:** Saturday, April 19, from 1:00 to 4:00  
**Where:** Home of Doug and Debra Arnold  
 80 River Shoals Court, Covington 30016

**Bring:** Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share please call church office, 770-786-7321 to make a reservation or RSVP with Debra, 678-588-5734.



### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, April 6, Lent 5</b>                  9:00 Handbell Choir                  9:30 Children's Choir                  10:00 Sunday School                  11:00 Worship Service                  No Youth activities-Spring Break</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 8</b>                  Circle Meetings as above                  4:00 Exercise</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 9</b>                  4:00 Finance Team                  No Adventure Club <i>next column</i></p>	<p>6:00 Witness Team Meeting                  6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 10</b>                  10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 13</b>                  9:00 Handbell Choir                  9:30 Children's Choir                  10:00 Sunday School                  11:00 Worship Service                  4:30 Youth Connection</p>
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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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 Covington, Georgia 30014



### 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:**

canned fruits; you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Nursery Volunteers today:**

Bates Family

**Next Week:**

Henderson Family

**Ushers:**

Charles Ardis, chair

**Sound Engineer:**

Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2014**

Debra Arnold  
 Bill Loeble  
 Darcel Tabb  
 Roger Tingler  
 Cy Wolverton  
 Sam Hay, IV

**Class of 2015**

Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Jan Giles  
 Jim Stillerman  
 Kevin Weber

**Class of 2016**

Charles Ardis  
 Joyce Ashworth  
 Betty Bailey  
 Patrick Carmichael  
 Perri Walden

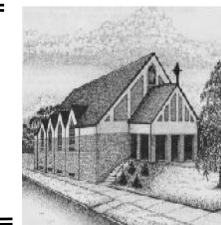
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son* J. S. Bach

Alice Walker, organ

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* Phoebe Knapp

Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

*I Gave My Life for Thee* Phillip P. Bliss

Min Ah Kim, cello Margaret Sin, piano

**INTROIT**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:22-24

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**HYMN 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We gather in God's name.

**We claim Christ's promised presence.**

My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. Christ calls us to follow, yet we disobey his commandment.**

**Evidence of your mercy surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Make us fit for your service. In Christ's name we pray.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✠GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581  
*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.*

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Ephesians 2:14  
For he is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Love of Christ, Our Savior* Nichols/Koerts  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Jesus Christ, the precious Lamb and perfect Sacrifice, Yielded to His Father's will and humbly gave His life.*

*Oh, the spotless Lamb of God on Whom our sins were laid; By the shedding of His blood redemption's price was paid.*

*Oh, the love of Christ, our Savior! Love unmeasured, boundless, free. Oh, the love of Christ, our Savior! Love that spans eternity.*

*Jesus Christ, the righteous One in Whom we stand complete, Robes us in His purity before the mercy seat.*

*Boldly then through Christ alone we seek our Father's face; Dressed in robes of righteousness and garments of His grace.*

### 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.*

*Dry Bones* Traditional Spiritual/arr. Mayo  
Children's Choir

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 8:46-59  
Romans 12:1-21

SERMON *It's Not Me. It's You.* The Rev. Callie Weber

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 209 *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FIRST SONG  
Hymn 71, refrain  
***Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.***

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *The Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard  
Min Ah Kim, cello Margaret Sin, piano

✠DOXOLOGY Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**You have called us to be faithful, O God. Accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 209 *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN  
(stanzas 3 - 5)

### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠CHORAL RESPONSE WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✠POSTLUDE Richard Heschke  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

✠Please stand if you are able.

### Worship Notes

✠The Rev. Callie Weber is our preacher for today.  
✠We welcome to our service this morning Min Ah Kim, cellist, and Margaret Sin, pianist. Min Ah is a graduating senior at Emory University. She attended Oxford College. Following graduation, she plans to take a year off and then go to graduate school. Margaret Sin works as a programmer at Medtech. She graduated from Emory University in 2012. Min Ah and Margaret are both natives of South Korea. We appreciate these musicians sharing their special talents with us.  
✠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 leave.

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bonnie Tingler--rehab after hip surgery  
†Hollie Chastain--recovering from surgery, (niece of Margaret Wallace)  
†Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)  
†Harry Adams--rehab after stroke (brother of Margaret Wallace)  
†Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)  
†Lavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab, (Alan Bunn's mother)  
†Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)  
†Emma Bowen-sister of Debbie Gossage  
†Mary Annese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)  
†Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)  
†Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)  
†Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Louie Katchko-heart surgery (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)  
†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)  
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)  
†Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)  
†Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Mary Cline-relocated  
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers  
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
†Joy Knight -Riverside  
†Martha Borders-Riverside

**Benton House**  
†George Stamps  
†Mary Crudup  
†Doris Mote  
†Joan Smith  
†Velma Prescott

**Covington Square**  
†Rita Harrell

**Merryvale**  
†Doris Hicks  
†Bill Taylor  
†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Frances Ivey-home

We celebrate with Shaun and Aubrey Evans at the birth of their daughter, Amelia Ann, born on March 30, 2014. Her big brother Holden was on hand to welcome her. Grandparents are Dan & Perri Walden and her aunt is Jodi Walden.

We extend our prayers and sympathy for Velma Prescott, and Debbie and Gary Massey on the death of Velma's son, Debbie's brother, Steve Prescott.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Mary Bollinger

**To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.**