

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 417, stanza 4)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *So Thou Art to Me* K. Lee Scott
Janet Carmichael, solo Alice Walker, piano

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.

Hymn 537 *Shalom, Chaverim!*

*Farewell, good friend, farewell good friend,
Shalom, Shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, Shalom!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused the Holy Scriptures to be written so that you might be revealed to us. Grant us so to hear, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the eternal truths, which you have given to us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-8a, 11, 31; 40:1-9; 42:1-6
Romans 8:18, 28, 31-39

SERMON

Why, Lord, Why? Al Myers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 270 DUNDEE

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

✦ THE NICENE CREED p. 15 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

Shall We Gather at the River arr. John G. Barr

✦ DOXOLOGY 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!**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with grateful hearts we present to you these our tithes and our gifts. Along with our offerings, we dedicate to you, Almighty God, our thoughts, our words, our deeds; as well as the thinking of our minds and the loving of our hearts. Accept these our gifts, bless them and bless us, we pray, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 361 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

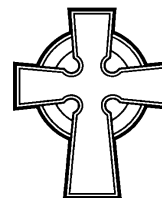
✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON

(Hymn 535)
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

✦ POSTLUDE Paul Karvonen

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- * Louly Hay and Dan Walden are assisting with worship today.
- ** This hymn, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, will be included in the new Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God*, which will be published in 2013.
- * 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

- † Bonnie Tingler—home
- † Sophia Hawley—CF treatment (daughter of Brad and Adrienne Hawley)
- † Aurelia Luton, house burned down (sister-in-law of Frank Luton)
- † Graham Wade—shoulder surgery, home
- † Claude Bennett (friend of Milton Patton)
- † Richard Crozier—home (Billy Wade's brother-in-law)
- † Carol Capell—ankle surgery, home
- † Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer
- † Pat Cole—outpatient treatment, Ashburn, VA (mother of Karen Laib)
- † Beth Vining—home after shoulder surgery
- † Ken Walker—home
- † Debbie Gossage—broken ankle, injured shoulder, home
- † Judy Childs Hopkins-chemotherapy (friend of Debbie Gossage)
- † Sylvia Smith, Leukemia, (friend of the Kennons)
- † Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant
- † William Lawson-chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)
- † Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
- † Jackie Wood-brain tumor (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)
- † Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)
- † Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)
- † Courteney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida
- † Shirley Smith—awaiting 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
- † Doris Mote

Military:

- † Savannah (Cannon) Knudson

Out of the Country

- † Elizabeth Phillips—Germany (Carol & Guy McGiboney's granddaughter)
- † Hannah Moon—Australia
- † Renee Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
- † Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Fran Wilson who died last week. Fran was placed on the prayer list by Warren and Jeannie Liem who were friends of Fran.

Hospital Visitor:
Jim and Jean Elder

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.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. **Albert (Al) Myers** has been our pastor during the time that Mr. Wade has been on sabbatical. We sincerely appreciate his presence among us. Please remain after the service to share time with Al and his wife, Mary. There will be refreshments in the narthex.



Mid-Week Feast

Our first **Mid-Week Feast** will be Wednesday, 8/15/12 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is: barbeque pork sandwiches, fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and chips. Bring a desert to share.

Due to the high cost of food and to cover expenses, we will be charging \$5 for adults and children 10 or older. Children under 10 will remain \$3.

Quarterly statements for those who made a financial commitment to the church are available in the narthex. Please take yours home to save us 44 cents—every little bit helps for both the church and the environment! Thanks.

Price Reduced for the Montreat Family Retreat which will take place November 2-4! We need to know how many will attend by August 19. Please pick up one of the bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex and return it with your deposit of \$100. Below are the new room charges—the quoted number is the **room total** for the weekend. Breakfast charges remain the same. A double room is \$160.12 (for 2-4 people) Single rooms are 117.42; (an adjoining room for young children is extra) plus breakfast. Those who have already made a deposit will have another payment due on August 19; the balance is due on October 28.

The **Witness Team** is returning to Tuscaloosa, AL, this fall to help with re-building efforts following the 2011 tornado. Please **consider joining us the week of October 14th**. No special skills are needed, although you need to be able to work on an active construction site. Please contact Patti Lanford (770-490-3660) or Judy Davis (770-464-4025) if you would like more information. Thanks!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 12
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Noon Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 14
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 15
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast

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6:45 Sanctuary Choir
DVD Study

Thursday, August 16
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, August 19 –Rally Day
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

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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Salem Camp Meeting Broadcasts Available on Internet

For those who may have missed Salem Camp Meeting, there will be a broadcast via Internet at www.aibnet.tv beginning today, Sunday, August 12, through Saturday, August 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting recorded two services during the Salem Camp Meeting week, one of which was the 8-9-12 service when FPC Ambassador Choir sang.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Ardis Family
Jessup Family
Next Week:
Garvin Family
Moss Family

Ushers: TBA

Hosts:
Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weesner

Sound System:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

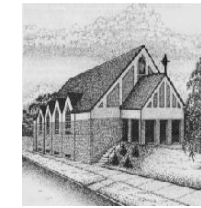
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost**
August 12, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Fantasia in A Minor J. S. Bach
Largo from Concerto in D Minor Vivaldi/J. S. Bach

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.
With my mouth, I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

✦ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

✦ HYMN (insert) SHOWALTER
***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, holy Father, great God, who is filled with grace, mercy and compassion, we are embarrassed to come before you because we attempt daily to take over your sovereign place. We prefer the ways of the world to your way; we reject your fatherly guidance and we rebel against you. Almighty God, have mercy on us. Forgive us, we beseech you, not on the grounds of our own self-righteousness; but on the grounds of your awesome grace, revealed to us in your Son, Jesus the Christ. Perform in each one of us that transforming miracle, that changes us from rebel to child of God. In our Savior's name. Amen.
(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, God calls us, forgives us and conforms us to be like Jesus. We enter into the promise of a new life as the forgiven people of God. By the grace of God, our sins genuinely acknowledged are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.