

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* John A. Behnke

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN
Hymn 428, stanza 1
*We give Thee but Thine own, what-er the gift may be,
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, from our first steps and all along the way, you have blessed us with goodness and mercy. Your loving kindness never fails. So we bring with gratitude the fruit of our labors, the service of our hands and the songs of our hearts. Bless not only what we bring for others but what we keep to use in your name. Grant that we may walk with you, always and in everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE African-American spiritual
Hymn 513, stanzas 1 and 2

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. (refrain)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (refrain)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's

presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

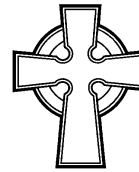
✦HYMN 429, stanza 1 ABBOT'S LEIGH
Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE *Shout to the North* SMITH

✦POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* Henry Purcell

✦Please stand, if you are able.



The Wednesday Night Study Group

**THE SECRETS OF MARY MAGDALENE
THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS -
The Lost Version of Christ's Betrayal
ANCIENT EVIDENCE - Mysteries of the Old Testament**

These are a few of the BBC and National Geographic films that we will view and discuss at our weekly gatherings. The Wednesday night Study Group will resume this coming Wednesday, August 21, at 6:45 p.m. in the Parlor following the Mid-Week Feast and welcomes both our returning and new participants. For more information, please call Jean Blair 404-678-3251.

Worship Bucks: Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire tithe once each month or even year for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However, there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace.

The Session of FPC ("ruling elders") are encouraging all of us to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing "thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil." (Book of Order W-2.5003)

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- ◆ 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

<p>†Judy Davis-surgery, 8/15, home †Bill Davis-surgery, 8/20 †Eleanor Scarborough-eye surgery, 8/16, home †Carol Capell-back surgery, home †Lila Crutchfield- meningitis @ Egleston (newborn daughter of Chris & Jessica Crutchfield, an FPELC family) †Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining) †Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining) †Rebecca Bates-chemotherapy †Barbara Johnson--cancer treatment †Sherry Glover-surgery (Cub Scout parent) †Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister) †Chris Martin-cancer treatment †Frank Davis-home †Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of Pam Stillerman) †Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child) †Maureen Picard-breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin) †Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey) †Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of the Liems) †Danielle Schubert-chemotherapy, home †Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems) †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill) †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 †Jackie Wood-brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)</p>	<p>†Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister) Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: †Mary Cline-relocated †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville †Clarence Price-Parkview Manor, Atlanta Benton House †Helen and George Stamps †Mary Crudup †Doris Mote †Murray and Hazel McClure (Riverside) †Frances Ivey Covington Square †Rita Harrell †Joy Knight Merryvale †Doris Hicks †Bill Taylor †Elizabeth Gadilhe †Martha Borders</p>
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Hospital Visitor:
Bob & Darcel Tabb



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

Name Tags: If you requested a new name tag, they are now in the name tag bins - filed alphabetically. Ask an usher if help is needed to find the bins.

Updated Directories are now available in the narthex. There is one copy for each family.

Today is Rally Day - the day when we begin a new Sunday School season, the day when many of our programs and activities begin again for the school year. During worship we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** and all baptized persons are invited to share in the sacrament. Prepare your heart.

The Session will meet today for its regular monthly meeting. We will meet immediately after worship. In addition to the regular agenda, we will be receiving new members.

Adventure Club is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th. We'll meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.** to learn about God and God's people through games, drama, music and arts & crafts.

Mid-Week Feast Returns! Wednesday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for supper. The menu this week will be: sandwiches and salads. Bring desserts to share. Please fill out a reservation form which can be found in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. You also may call or e-mail the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Montreat Retreat Registration: It is time to make your reservation for the church retreat at Montreat which is scheduled for November 8-10, 2013. The whole church family is invited! The blue registration forms are on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and attach your deposit. Full details are listed on the form. If you have other questions speak with Billy Wade or Dan Walden. **We need your registration now! Thanks!**

Second quarter statements, for those who pledge, are in the narthex. Please take your statement home and help us save postage costs. Thanks!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 18

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 Session meeting

Tuesday, August 20

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 21

4:00 Adventure Club
4:00 Prayer Group
6:00 Mid-week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 22

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, August 24

Choir Retreat at Conyers Pres.

Sunday, August 25

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
Youth Confirmation Class
11:00 Worship
6:00 Youth and Parent's meeting

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 August
cooking oil and cereals

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

Trista Hooten-Wilson

Next Week:

The Bates Family

Ushers

Bill Loeble, Bernice Bailey,
Bill and Jean Blair

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.

Pastor

Louly Fowler Hay

Parish Associate

Dan Walden

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Krissy Jones

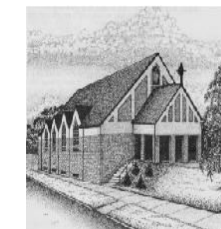
Director of the

Early Learning Center



*Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

August 18, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King* Felice de Giardini
O, When Shall I See Jesus? THE MORNING TRUMPET
What Wondrous Love Is This John Carter

INTROIT *Kingsfold* arr. Roberts
Listen, God is Calling (NENO LAKE MUNGU) arr. Thompson
Handbell Choir; Dan Walden, djembe

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 122:1
I was glad when they said to me,
let us go to the house of the Lord!

✦ HYMN 461 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ our Savior be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen
Jon Paschal, solo/guitar Darcel Tabb, solo

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
I Believe Collins
I Am the Resurrection Nicholson
Children's Choir

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

Merciful God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 2:2-10

SERMON *Church* William B. Wade, Jr.