

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Forgiven and renewed by Christ's Spirit,  
let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORY TO GOD

Bob Tabb

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Lord, We Bring Our Gifts of Music* Rudolf  
Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir

*My God Will Meet All Your Needs*  
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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-8

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IX.3*

**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.**

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's  
presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**

**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
personal lives that are centered in God  
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us**

**to put obedience to God above the interests  
of self, family, race or nation; to offer God  
joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline**

**to observe a day of worship and rest,  
setting aside our own working to enjoy  
God's work, celebrating with sisters and  
brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in  
Scripture, not expecting detailed directions  
for every decision, but relying on the Word  
to tell us who God is, to press God's present**

**claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace  
and comfort.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others  
with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,  
confident that God hears and answers our  
prayers in ways best for all.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,  
for if we do not love sisters and brothers  
whom we see, we cannot love God whom  
we do not see.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *My Jesus, I Love Thee* John Ferguson

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN

Hymn 428, stanza 1

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all  
that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Help us, Lord, to live our lives in gratitude,  
raising our voices in thanksgiving to you, and lifting our  
hands in service to your people, by the power and perse-  
verance of your Holy Spirit. 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 KINGDOM

Hymn 508, stanza 1

**For the bread which You have broken,  
for the wine which You have poured,  
for the words which You have spoken,  
now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

Words of Institution

The Communion

*Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. 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 (insert) *The Trees of the Field* THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
Choir sings first time.  
All sing second time.

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Carillon* Louis Vierne

### Worship Notes

- \* Louly Hay and Dan Walden are assisting with worship today.
- \* All those who have received Christian baptism are invited to the Table for the Lord's Supper. You need not be a member of this congregation. All baptized children who have received some instruction on the meaning of the sacrament are invited to partake at the discretion of their parents.
- \* 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

†Theodosia Wade—foot surgery on Monday

†Bonnie Tingle—rehab in Madison

†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

†Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

†Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Linda Boyd

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Mid-Week Feast:** Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, fried chicken and rolls. Bring a dessert to share. Please make your reservation by using the form found in the pew pocket or by e-mailing the church office or by visiting our website and use the link provided. Enter the # of Adults and children 10 and over; and the number of children age 9 and below. To cover expenses, we will be charging \$5 for adults and children age 10 or older. Children under 10 will remain \$3.

**The Wednesday Night Study Group:** On Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the group studies **John the Baptist**, a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We'll hear about his birth, arrest and death, how he may be associated with other prophets - some good and some not - and how he has fared at the hands of theologians and artists, playwrights and filmmakers. The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

**GLORY TO GOD!!** This is the name of the new revised hymnal soon to be available for all Presbyterians. The cost of each hymnal ordered before Dec. 16 is only \$15. What a great way to honor someone or just contribute to our ministry of music. Please read this insert and consider buying some new hymnals for our church. For more information check the website [www.PresbyterianHymnal.org](http://www.PresbyterianHymnal.org).

**Church Recycler Needed:** As you can imagine, the church uses and receives a lot of paper every week. We have been recycling what we no longer need. We use the recycle station that is located on Alcovy Rd. just past Bulldog tire on the right. You would have to pick up our 2 blue tubs about 1 time per month. If you can help, call the church office. Thanks!

**Food Pantry needs:** Bring your donations to the church or drop them off at the food pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call 770-784-0037 for directions. If you are unable to shop for food you may make a monetary donation by making a check to First Presbyterian and put Food Pantry in the memo space. **Special requests for August: canned meats, fish, and boxed dinners with meat - family sized.**

### This Week at FPC

**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

**Tuesday, August 21**

4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, August 22**

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

**Thursday, August 23**

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

**Sunday, August 26**

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

### 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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**Montreat Family Retreat 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; Single rooms are still \$89.00 per night; adjoining rooms for families with young children are \$234.84) plus breakfast. Those who have already made a deposit will have another payment due August 24; (we will send a notice with balance by then); the balance is due on October 28.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Nursery Volunteers**

**today:**

Luton Family  
Bates Family

**Next Week:**

Hawley Family  
Loeble Family

**Ushers:**

Jon & Jane Williams  
Joyce Ashworth  
Perri Walden

**Host:**

Agnes Campbell

**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*

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*



## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2012



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE**

*Psalm XIX - The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* B. Marcello  
*Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach

**INTROIT**

*Forever Safe* Walker  
Children's Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 455**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Savior, hear us. Listen not only to our words we dare to utter, but to our hearts that hide our secrets while also yearning to be unburdened from their weight. Hear us when we cannot formulate our thoughts and even when we are oblivious to things which we have done to hurt our loved ones, to offend our neighbors, to distance us from you. Open us up to the stirring of your Spirit who seeks to free us, to fill us and to send us forth as gospel bearers, ambassadors of reconciliation; for we pray not merely in our own names, but in the name of Jesus Christ.**

*(silence for personal reflection)*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O WALY WALY

Hymn 335, stanza 3  
**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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.**