

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Our Dwelling Place* Johnson
Sanctuary 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 Galatians 2:15-21

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Too Much Religion

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 356 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 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 *My Faith In Thee Is Sure* J. S. Bach

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE C. B. McAfee
Hymn Refrain from *Near to the Heart of God*
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN (below**) *I Love to Tell The Story*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE THE TREES OF THE FIELD
The Trees of the Field

POSTLUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Gayden Sikes

Please stand, if you are able.

23 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a 50-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

TEXT: Katherine Hankey, 1866; refrain, William G. Fischer, 1869
MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869 HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D with refrain

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

** This hymn will appear in the new Hymnal *Glory to God*

Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden 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

†Debbie Gossage—injured shoulder, surgery, Monday at Newton Medical
†Theodosia Wade—foot surgery, home
†Bonnie Tingler—rehab in Madison
†Sophia Hawley—CF treatment (daughter of Brad and Adrienne Hawley)
†Lelia Raines—knee surgery
†Claude Bennett (friend of Milton Patton)
†Carol Capell—ankle surgery, home
†Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer
†Beth Vining—home after shoulder surgery
†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)
†Courtney 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

†Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
†Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

We celebrate the birth of Brooks Michael Capell who was born on July 30, 2012. His parents are Michael & Samantha Capell; his grandmother is Carol Capell.

Hospital Visitor:
Ann Bouchillon

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is baked tenderloin, yellow rice, green beans, corn, fried chicken & 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. Cost for supper is \$5 for adults and children age 10 or older. Children under 10 will remain \$3.

The Wednesday Night Study Group: On Wednesday, August 29th the group studies **The Virgin Mary**, a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The lecture addresses Mary's status as unwed mother or Mother goddess, and was Joseph really over 80 years old when he became engaged to Mary?

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 the insert and consider buying some new hymnals for our church. For more information check the website www.PresbyterianHymnal.org.

The community of Tuscaloosa, Alabama is still suffering from the devastating affects of the tornado which struck and destroyed much of the town. A mission trip to help Tuscaloosa rebuild is being planned for October 14-20. If you can attend for all or a portion of the week or if you want to know more about the trip please contact Patti Lanford 770-490-3660 p.lanford@gmail.com or Judy Davis 770-464-4025 mitday@aol.com **Galatians 6:2** *Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ*

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 26
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:30 Youth & Parents' Meeting for Youth Connection

Tuesday, August 28
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 29
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir
DVD Study

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

Sunday, September 2
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.

E-mail:

Pastor: Billy Wade: wbwade@bellsouth.net

Dan Walden: djwalden@mac.com

Church Office: penihaug@bellsouth.net

Website: www.fpccov.org

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street

Covington, Georgia 30014

Montreat Family Retreat will take place November 2-4! We need to know how many will attend by August 27. Please pick up one of the bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex and return it with your deposit of \$150. Below are the new room charges—the quoted number is the **room total** for the weekend. Breakfast charges remain the same. Price for single & double rooms is \$160.12 for the weekend; 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 27; (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:

Hawley Family
Loeble Family

Next Week:
Trista Hooten-Young
Weesner Family

Ushers:

Jon & Jane Williams

Host:

Lynn and Jonathan Miller

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

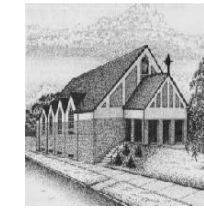
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</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>	



**Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost**
August 26, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lamb of God, Our Savior* J. S. Bach
The Prayer of Faith Alexander Schreiner

INTROIT *It is Written*
This is How We Know
Children's Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 9:1-2
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you.
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

✠HYMN 457 TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant to us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF 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.

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS