

## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *He Is Born* Albin C. Whitworth  
*Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* Appalachian Carol  
*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Timothy R. Matthews

INTROIT *What Child is This?* GREENSLEEVES

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148 Jasmine Ardis  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**  
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were created.

✦HYMN 22 REGENT SQUARE  
*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION Laurel Ardis

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Hymn 25 MUELLER  
***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay,  
close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.***

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM W ZLOBIELEZY/STILLE NACHT  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/Silent Night*  
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.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:39-40

SERMON *New Beginnings* Kevin Weber

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 1:1-5, 14-18  
**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."')** From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

#### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* p. 16 in front of hymnal

#### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Freely you have received, freely give.

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.**

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES  
Hymn 41  
***Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!  
O, come let us adore Him, O, come let us adore Him,  
O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!***

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, and in**

**encouraging those around us to know and follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 29 *Go Tell It On the Mountain* GO TELL IT

#### ✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦CHORAL RESPONSE *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH  
Sanctuary Choir

✦POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* Samuel Metzger

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

#### Worship Notes

- Kevin Weber is our guest preacher today. Dan Walden, Jasmine Ardis and Laurel Ardis are assisting with worship.
- \* 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

†Noah Boston - infant son of Josh Boston; Egleston  
†Clarence Price - home  
†Matt Garvin - automobile accident; home  
†Billy Scarborough - grandson of Eleanor Scarborough, surgery  
†Rick Green - nephew of Eleanor Scarborough, surgery  
†Steve Buffington - friend of Randy Layton, cancer surgery  
†Jim Elder - home  
†Paisley Jessup - tests  
†Zach Kimmel - knee surgery, home  
†Elizabeth Gregory - surgery, home  
†Roland Nelson - nephew of Carol McGiboney, very ill  
†Barbara Johnson - cancer treatment  
†Tim Stewart - home  
†David and Connie Waller - friend of the Paschal family, chemo and bone marrow transplant  
†Erin Kelahan - friend of Joyce Ashworth, brittle-bone disease & auto accident, multiple fractures  
†Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton  
†Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney, stage IV cancer  
†Judy Childs Hopkins - friend of Debbie Gossage, chemotherapy  
†Sylvia Smith, friend of the Kennons, leukemia  
†Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant

†Donnie Vining - nephew of Beth and Danny Vining, chemotherapy  
†Jackie Wood - neighbor of Bernice Bailey, brain tumor  
†Courtney LeCroix Hoover - awaiting double lung transplant, Florida  
†Shirley Smith - Clarence Price's sister, awaiting kidney transplant

#### Covington Square

†Rita Harrell  
†Joy Knight

#### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor  
†Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens  
†Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens  
†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
†Doris Hicks - Merryvale

#### Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps  
†Mary Crudup  
†Doris Mote  
†Murray and Hazel McClure

#### Out of the Country

†Reneé Robinson - Australia (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

*We extend our sympathy and prayers for Fran Prince whose mother died last week.*

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**One of our microphones with a cord attached is missing.** If you have borrowed it or if you know where the microphone is, please bring it back to the church as we use it during worship and at various other times. Thank you.

On **Wednesday, January 9, 2013**, the DVD lecture group resumes its studies with a look at **Mary Magdalene**. This lecture investigates what we might know of Mary's background, how her demonic possession might have been viewed in antiquity, her presence at the cross and tomb, her conversations to the resurrected Jesus, and her commission to be the "apostle to the apostles". This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The study group will meet in the Parlor at 6:45 pm.



### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, December 30</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, December 31</b> 12:00 Church Office Closed</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 1</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p><b>Thursday, January 3</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 6</b> The Epiphany 9:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>11:00 Worship Service with Ordination and Installation of Elders 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 8</b> Women's Circle Meetings and Hostesses: 10:00 Circle 1 Ann Bouchillon 10:00 Circle 2 Bettie Miller (9:30 at church to carpool) 10:30 Circle 3 Day Kennon 7:00 Circle 4 Stephanie Scarborough 7:00 Circle 5 Jeannie Liem</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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### 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 January:

Soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauce. You may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Nursery Volunteers today:

Moss Family  
Garvin Family

**Next Week:**  
TBA

#### Ushers:

TBA

#### 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.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
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	
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



### The First Sunday after Christmas December 30, 2012

