

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Out of Deep Unordered Water* RUSTINGTON

*Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land, world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.*  
Refrain.

*Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God, is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.*  
Refrain.

*Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore. Life is hallowed by the knowledge: God has been this way before.* Refrain

Refrain:

*There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.*

## 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 Acts 8:4-25

SERMON *Like Magic* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

✦ 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

CHORAL RESPONSE African-American Spiritual  
*Take Me to the Water*  
Sanctuary Choir

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry

## CHORAL RESPONSE

African-American Spiritual

*Take Me to the Water*  
Sanctuary Choir

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS

Hymn 276, refrain

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, whose love knows no ending, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you and you alone. Accept these our gifts that your will might be done here on earth and that we might glimpse your kingdom dawning in our midst. Continue to move in our hearts, stirring within us a desire to continue to seek you and to be your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## ✦ HYMN 425 ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE African-American Spiritual

*Take Me to the Water*  
Sanctuary Choir

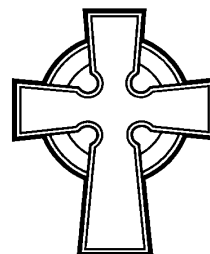
## ✦ POSTLUDE Gilbert Martin

Toccata on "All Creatures of Our God and King"

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

## 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

†Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd  
 †Betty Strohecker - home after knee surgery (mother of Diane Loeble)  
 †Noah Boston - home  
 †Clarence Price - home  
 †Reed Blakeney-surgery, home  
 †Gene Gadilhe-home  
 †Rick Green - nephew of Eleanor Scarborough, surgery  
 †Paisley Jessup - tests  
 †Roland Nelson - nephew of Carol McGiboney, very ill  
 †Barbara Johnson - cancer treatment  
 †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 Kevin Bates at the death of his aunt, Sheila Adamson, last week.*

*We celebrate with Shawn Hooten Loftin who has received her Master of Arts in Teaching from Mercer University with a 4.0 average.*

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Mary Bollinger

*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.*

## 2013 Session Team Leaders

**Clerk:** Bill Loeble  
**Christian Education:** Kevin Weber, Dave Gregory  
**Congregational Life and Care:** Darcel Tabb  
**Facilities and Equipment:** Cy Wolverton, Billy Fortson  
**Finance:** Roger Tingler, Gary Boteler  
**Personnel:** Denny Dobbs  
**Welcoming:** Debra Arnold  
**Evangelism:** Patrick Carmichael  
**Witness:** Judy Davis, Jan Giles  
**Worship:** Aubrey Evans, Jim Stillerman

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Mid-Week Feast :** On Wednesdays we gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. for supper. The menu for this week is: **chili cook-off** (chili prepared by parishioners will be judged and the winner gets a \$25 gift certificate to Amici's), tossed salad, pimento cheese sandwiches, caramel cake and cheese cake. The cost is: adults, \$6 and children, \$3. Reservations are a "must" so that the food will be plentiful! Use one of the forms in the pew pocket or email to [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net) by 4 pm on Tuesday.

**The Wednesday Night Study Group:**

On Wednesday, January 16th the group studies the **Pharisees and Sadducees**. This lecture introduces us to their beliefs, practices and rivalry between these two groups on the basis of the New Testament. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast.

**Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey Concert Videos:** If you are interested in seeing several video clips of Alice and Becky's most recent concert at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine (FL), you may click on the link from FPC's home page, under the Ministries/Music/Musical Performance Recordings tab, or from the scrolling links on the home page. You may also go directly to YouTube, and type FPC Covington Georgia (no spaces). Scroll down and you will see a link to each selection.

**"Holiday Blues" Discussion:** Dr. Cindy Elrod, a pastoral counselor with the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, will continue a series of discussions on how to get past the "Holiday Blues." The classes will be held at the Covington First United Methodist Church at 4:30 on Sundays, January 13 and 20. Classes are free of charge and childcare is available upon request. For more information, you may call 770-786-7305.

**The Newton Hayrider's Square Dance** group, which meets in our fellowship hall, invites you for lessons which begin on Monday, January 14, 7-9 p.m. If you have questions, please call Alton Cochran, 678-625-9795.

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, January 13**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session Meeting  
4:30 Holiday Blues FUMC  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Tuesday, January 15**  
4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, January 16**  
4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 DVD and Discussion

**Thursday, January 17**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

**Sunday, January 20**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
4:30 Holiday Blues FUMC  
5:00 Youth Connection

### 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](mailto:wbwade@bellsouth.net)

Dan Walden: [djwalden@mac.com](mailto:djwalden@mac.com)

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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
Covington, Georgia 30014



### 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:**

Bates Family

**Next Week:**

Henderson Family

**Ushers:**

Guy & Carol McGiboney  
Donna & Jack Weesner

**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

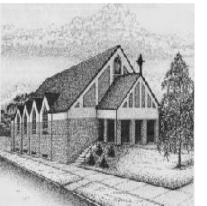
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <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>		



## Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2013



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord!* Robert Williams  
"Poco Lento" from *Fantaisie* Cesar Franck

INTROIT *Take Me to the Water* African-American Spiritual  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-3  
O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;**  
**tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.**  
Declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvelous works among all people!

✦ HYMN 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus the redeemer and judge, we are forgiven.

#### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 479, stanza 1 LAUDA ANIMA  
***Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, Glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.***