

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come Sing Your Thanks to The Lord* Taylor  
 Children's and Sanctuary Choirs  
 Jon Paschal, guitar

*Come, sing your thanks to The Lord,  
 Enter his presence with songs of gladness.  
 Come, sing your thanks to The Lord,  
 Joyful voices raise!*

*Sing out your thanks to The Lord,  
 Let all the people rejoice together.  
 Sing out your thanks to The Lord,  
 Alleluias raise to God.*

*Now thank we all our God,  
 With heart and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things hath done,  
 In whom this world rejoices;*

*Who from our mother's arms  
 Hath blessed us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love,  
 And still is ours today.*

## 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 Galatians 3:27-29

SERMON *Abraham's Offspring* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 335 *Though I May Speak* O WALY WALY

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*  
**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Do Remember Me* Spiritual

☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AUSTRIAN HYMN

Hymn 285, stanza 1  
***God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain, mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.***

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, move in our hearts that we might be ambassadors of your forgiving and reconciling power in our lives and in this world, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

☩ HYMN 563 LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

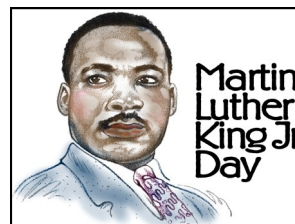
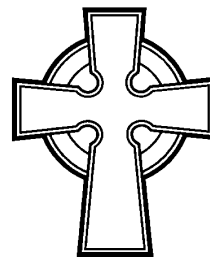
☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ CHORAL RESPONSE *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA  
 Sanctuary Choir

☩ POSTLUDE Michael Burkhardt

*O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

☩ Please stand, if you are able.



The annual **King Day Celebration** will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 20, at 3:00 p.m. at the Porter Auditorium (Newton High School).

## 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.
- \* The Isaiah text for the call to worship is one of the passages quoted by Martin Luther King, Jr. in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Sarah Gregory-broken foot  
 †Carla Harvill-surgery, home  
 †Kellan and Jill Finney (friends of Zach Kimmel) were in a serious automobile accident last Wednesday. Both are at home healing from their injuries.  
 †Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd  
 †Betty Strohecker - home after knee surgery (mother of Diane Loebler)  
 †Noah Boston - home  
 †Clarence Price - 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

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

*We extend our sympathy and prayers for John McCarthy and his family at the death of his aunt, Judy Cannington, who died on Tuesday.*

### Hospital Visitor:

Ann Bouchillon

*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

**Mid-Week Feast :** On Wednesdays we gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. for supper. The menu for this week is: spaghetti, salad & garlic toast. You may bring a dessert to share. 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 p.m. on Tuesday.

**The Wednesday Night Study Group:**

The study group will learn more about the **The Herodians** on Wednesday, January 23rd. The Herodian family includes Herod the Great, slaughterer of the innocents; Herod Antipas, who has John the Baptist beheaded; Herod Agrippa I, who had Apostle James executed; Herod Agrippa II and his sister Bernice, who in Acts converse with Paul. 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.

**Free Organ / Piano Concert:**

On **Sunday, January 27, 2013**, the Arts Association in Newton County will present Phillip Skerrett, Becky Ramsey, and Alice Walker in concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. No tickets are required, but a free will offering will be taken to benefit the **Dave Young Scholarship Fund** for young musicians. This scholarship was created in honor of Dave Young who was a great educator in the Newton County School System as well as the first Executive Director of the Concert Association, now known as the Arts Association.

Mr. Skerrett is on the faculty of Spelman College and is Organist/Pianist at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church in Atlanta. Becky Ramsey is Organist at Covington First United Methodist Church. Alice Walker is Organist at FPC. Both Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Walker direct music for seniors at their churches.

**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 FPCcovingtonGeorgia (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 conclude a series of discussions on how to get past the "Holiday Blues." The class will be held at the Covington First United Methodist Church at 4:30 today. 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 began on Monday, January 14, 7-9 p.m. If you have questions, please call Alton Cochran, 678-625-9795.

### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, January 20</b> 9:00 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 MLK Day Service at Porter Auditorium 4:30 Holiday Blues FUMC 5:00 Youth Connection</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 23</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Choir Rehearsal 6:45 DVD and Discussion</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 22</b> 2:00 Knitting Group 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 24</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 27</b> 9:00 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</p>

**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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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
Covington, Georgia 30014



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.

Food Pantry Needs

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

<p><b>Nursery Volunteers today:</b> Henderson Family <b>Next Week:</b> Jessup Family</p>	<p><b>Ushers:</b> Guy &amp; Carol McGiboney Donna &amp; Jack Weesner</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

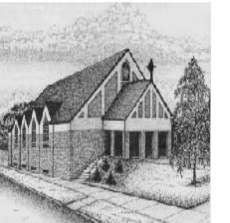
<p><b>Class of 2013</b> Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p><b>Class of 2014</b> Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

<p>William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i></p>	<p>Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Pauleen Green &amp; Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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**Second Sunday  
after Epiphany  
January 20, 2013**



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE**  
Con Moto Maestoso from *Third Sonata* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
*If You But Trust in God* George Neumark  
*Come By Here, O Lord* Traditional South African Tune

**INTROIT** KINGSFOLD  
*Today We Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 40:4-5  
Every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight.  
**And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,**  
and all flesh shall see it together.

✦ **HYMN 229** LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**O God, we confess that we have failed many times to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have been caught up in our own lives and have failed to see the needs of others. Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see others more as you see them. Fill our hearts with your love that will enable us truly to reach out and love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our shortcomings, dear Lord, and give us the strength to do your will, for we pray in Jesus' name.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** Ephesians 2:14  
For he is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**