

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ surpasses all our understanding.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Canon in D* Pachelbel
Jake McCarthy and Rick Vetsch, violins

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

God of life and of truth, you have taught us that we cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Feed us with the word of life, and by your Spirit lead us into truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-9

SERMON Al Myers

"I'd rather learn from one bird how to sing than teach ten thousand stars how not to dance."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 485 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
To God Be the Glory

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 3:14-17

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *All Glory Be to God on High* Michael Burkhardt

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, may we be born anew by your Spirit — that our attitudes and commitments and motivations for sharing your blessings will be changed. Rebirth us from our getting modes to giving actions. Rebirth us from a calculating posture to one of generosity. Rebirth us, change us, baptize us. Give us joy in our stewardship as we share our blessings. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 302 *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Sing to the tune of Edelweiss

"Come my Lord, dwell with me send your grace and your mercy. Give me hope, give me strength in your bounty of blessings. So let my faith and love bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever. Come, O Christ, be my peace, bless our sharing together!"

✦ POSTLUDE G. F. Handel
Allegro from Concerto Grosso in C Minor

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(U.S.A.)

The **General Assembly** for our denomination is meeting during the first week of July. The GA consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, half will be elders. The GA takes care of the important work of the church by protecting the church from errors in faith and practice, presenting a witness for truth and justice in our community and the world, and setting priorities for the church.

See more here: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>



Carol Dunbar, an elder in this church and former Clerk of Session, has been elected to represent the **Presbytery of Greater Atlanta** at this the 220th General Assembly. Please be in prayer for Carol and for all of the other commissioners that they might be open to the movement of the Spirit in their midst during this important time.

Worship Notes

- The Rev. Larry Kennon is our preacher today, and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with the worship service today.
- 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

†Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer
 †Pat Cole—treatment, Ashburn, VA (mother of Karen Laib)
 †Guy McGiboney—Emory Mid-town
 †Jean Oldham—shingles, home
 †Fran Wilson—Surgery at Emory (friend of Jeannie & Warren Liem)
 †Beth Vining—home after shoulder surgery
 †Ken Walker—outpatient treatment at Emory
 †Debbie Gossage—broken ankle, injured shoulder, home
 †Don Hillman—home recovering from 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)
 †Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)
 †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

†Elizabeth Phillips—Germany (Carol & Guy McGiboney's granddaughter)
 †Hannah Moon—Australia
 †Liz Stillerman—Israel
 †Renee Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
 †Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

We extend our sympathies to Joyce Ashworth and family on the death of her cousin, Gene Dickey and the death of her late husband Jim's, step-brother, Bill Waldrip; and to Lori Ardis and her family on the death of cousin, Gabbie Koerner (born prematurely) her parents are Brian & Chastity.

Hospital Visitor:

Louly F. Hay

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH


The Rev. Al Myers, our supply pastor while Mr. Wade is on sabbatical, will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks. In his absence the Rev. Larry Kennon will preach today, and Dan Walden will preach on July 8. If you have any pastoral needs during Mr. Myers' vacation call the church office or Dan Walden and we will have someone get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Today the Jubilee Class began a new study entitled, *Embracing Emergence Christianity*, by Phyllis Tickle. The course will include a DVD presentation by Dr. Tickle followed by class discussion. Please come join us.

Ambassador Choir sings at Salem Camp Meeting on Monday, July 9th. They will sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service at the Salem Camp Meeting. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. under the tabernacle to rehearse. Complimentary lunch after the service will be at Salem Hotel. Feel free to bring your family and friends to this occasion!

The Witness Team is returning to Tuscaloosa, AL, this fall to help with re-building efforts following the 2011 tornado. Please consider joining us the week of October 14th. No special skills are needed, although you need to be able to work on an active construction site. Please contact Patti Lanford (770-490-3660) or Judy Davis (770-464-4025) if you would like more information. Thanks!

Summer Choir: Please meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10:40 a.m. (through July 29) to rehearse the opening hymn and responses for that day's worship.



SonRise National Park
Point Your Kids to Jesus!
Save the Date! July 9th - 13th 2012

Ready for Fun and Adventure in the Great Outdoors? Then you're ready for SonRise National Park VBS! Please join us for fun and excitement! Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Helpers needed: Adult volunteers and kids from rising 6th graders through 12th graders are challenged to spend the week helping the younger children have fun and learn about Jesus! Call Debra Arnold, Rebecca Bates or Dan Walden for more information.

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p>Sunday, July 1 No Children/Youth Sunday School 10:40 Summer Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesday, July 3 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day Church offices closed</p>	<p>Thursday, July 5 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Sunday, July 8 No Children/Youth Sunday School 10:40 Summer Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service</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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Food Pantry Needs

For July: Cereals of all kinds
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.

It's time to register for the Montreat Family Retreat! There are bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and return it with your deposit. The next installment is due on August 19, and the final payment is due on October 28. Date of the retreat and the costs are listed on the form.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

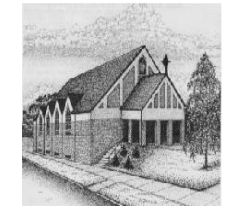
<p>Nursery Volunteers today: Bates Family Luton Family Next Week: Loeble Family Hawley Family</p>	<p>Ushers: TBA</p> <p>Hosts: Stephanie Fortson Donna Weesner</p> <p>Sound System: Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

<p>Class of 2012 Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Mac Cranford Judy Hooten Day Kennon</p>	<p>Class of 2013 Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p>Class of 2014 Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</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 & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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**Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost**
July 1, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Our Country* Albin C. Whitworth
 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann Walther

INTROIT *On Eagle's Wings*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 40:31
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
**Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
Thy face in whom I trust."**
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
**Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

✠HYMN 464 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, there is a saying: **IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY; IN DOUBTFUL THINGS, LIBERTY; IN ALL THINGS, LOVE...** Save us, Lord, from refusing to learn. We fail to realize what the essentials in life are. We don't always strive for unity or the tedious task of keeping relationships cleaned up. Lord, our doubts sometimes overwhelm us and we don't know what or who to believe. And it is difficult to say that **IN ALL THINGS, LOVE...** without strings attached. Lord, save us from being stingy of spirit and denying grace to others. Give us your peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Psalm 116
Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord preserves the simple, when I was brought low, He saved me!
Return, O my soul, to your rest.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Amen.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
Hymn 356, stanza 3
**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee; prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**