

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PASSION CHORALE

Hymn 98, stanza 3 *O Sacred Head*

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Hymn 457 TOULON

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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 READINGS John 15:12-17

SERMON Al Myers

The Church for You Doeth Wait!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 423 DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p.14 in front of hymnal

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HANOVER

Hymn 477, stanza 2

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh— His presence we have; the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Kum by Yah* Traditional

Liane Bouchillon, Interpretive Dance

✠DOXOLOGY Hymn 593 Avery and Marsh

(Sing twice: choir sings the first time. ALL sing the second time.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we acknowledge that you have so richly blessed us with the goods of this world and with the gift of salvation through Jesus the Christ. We praise you and give you thanks. Accept these our gifts. Bless them. Combine them with the gifts of others of your people so that the good news of salvation through our Lord, might be proclaimed around the world and people in need might be cared for in the name of Jesus; in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 430 DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, with Joy

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

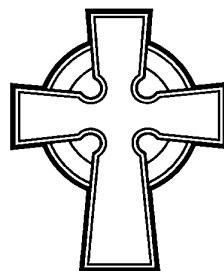
✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ

(Sing three times; first time: solo; second and third times: ALL)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

✠POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER, 1916

✠Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- Kevin Weber is assisting with worship 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

†Jeanette (Mallard) Allison, Abbey Hospice
 †Richard Crozier—open heart surgery (Billy Wade's brother-in-law)
 †Jackie Walden, shoulder surgery (mother of Dan Walden)
 †Carol Capell—ankle surgery, home
 †Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer
 †Pat Cole—outpatient treatment, Ashburn, VA (mother of Karen Laib)
 †Guy McGiboney—home
 †Fran Wilson—home, (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)
 †Courteney 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
 †Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
 †Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

Hospital Visitor:
Betty Robinson

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.

During our worship this morning, our hymns, responses and anthem are designed to show the history of the church through music. Beginning with the early music of the covenant people of God found in the psalms, we move through the ages singing music from the 7th and the 12th centuries. The anthem is written by John Calvin in 1545. We then move to the music of Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley who composed music for congregational singing in the 1700s. Our final hymn was composed in 1988, Come Sing, O Church, in Joy. The service concludes with a contemporary piece for our postlude.

The music is structured in this manner to assist us in comprehending that we are a part of the grand family of God which stretches back through the centuries. We have been chosen by our Lord to join his "great cloud of witnesses" and we have been appointed to "go and bear fruit."

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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!



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. If you are not able to shop for food, but would like to help, you may make a monetary donation

by making a check to First Presbyterian and put Food Pantry in the memo space. We will forward all donations to them.

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.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 15
10:00 Sunday School
10:40 Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, July 17
4:00 Exercise Class

Thursday, July 19
9:30 Ambassador Choir
10:30 Harrison Park Party

Sunday, July 22
10:00 Sunday School
10:40 Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service

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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The Rev. Dr. **Albert (Al) Myers** is our supply pastor during the time that Mr. Wade is on sabbatical. Dr. Myers will be in the church office a couple of days during the week and on Sundays. You may call the church office if you wish to make an appointment. He can be reached at other times if you have a pastoral concern.

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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Ann Bouchillon
Trista Hooten-Young

Next Week:

Nina Giles
Arnold Family

Ushers:

Cy & Jean Wolverton

Host:

Jerry Gunter

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

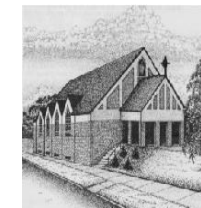
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Of the Father's Love Begotten*

PICARDY, Text: 4th Century
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Music: 11th Century

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN 222

(liturgist & congregation reads the psalm responsively; cantor sings the refrain)

Psalm 103

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Kevin Weber

HYMN 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 98, stanza 2 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine, mind was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.*

PASSION CHORALE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose kindness is loving and whose patience is infinite, hear us again as we pray. We confess that we are burdened by things that do not matter, bewildered by problems of our own creation. Forgive us all that we worry so often, and pray so seldom. You have made us heirs of a great heritage of faith and trustees of priceless, eternal gifts, yet we forget the price that was paid for them. Forgive us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in the fullness of God's mercy our misdeeds are blotted out, by God's loving kindness our sins are washed away. Through the gift of the Spirit, you are assisted to forgive others as God forgives you through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God for these magnificent gifts! Amen.**