

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 478, stanza 1  
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE  
Tory Bouchillon, solo

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 I Peter 2:9-17

SERMON Al Myers  
*The High Adventure of Being a Christian in Awkward Times*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 262 NATIONAL HYMN  
*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Declaration of Faith*  
**We believe that God rules over both political and religious institutions. We must confuse neither with the Kingdom of God. We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with ideologies of other nations. We hold Christians are to be law abiding citizens unless the state commands them to disobey God, or claims authority that belongs only to God. The church must be free to speak to civil authorities neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear. The church must continue to struggle to be faithful to God in political situations. Amen.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE H. W. Greatorex  
*Gloria Patri* Hymn 579

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Douglas E. Wagner

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH  
**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty Father, you have blessed us with so many things of this earth: so many good foods from around the world, so many medicines and devices for improved living, so much beauty and orderliness in the realm of nature, so much in our homes that makes for comfortable living, so many of the modern electronic devices. For all these things and especially for our salvation through Christ, we give you our heartfelt thanks. Accept these our gifts as added expressions of our thanksgiving. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

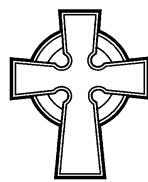
✦ HYMN (Insert) ST BRENDAN'S  
*\*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SICILIAN MARINERS  
Hymn 538, stanza 1  
**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

✦ POSTLUDE *Fantasia in G Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



*Worship Notes*

- \* Patrick Carmichael is assisting with worship today.
- \* This hymn will be included in the new Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God*, which will be published in 2013.
- \* 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*

†Aurelia Luton (sister-in-law of Frank Luton)  
 †Graham Wade—shoulder surgery 7/27  
 †Jeanette (Mallard) Allison, Abbey Hospice  
 †Richard Crozier—home (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)  
 †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  
 †Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)  
 †Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jon Williams

*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

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!



### 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.

### The Montreat Family Retreat will take place November 2-4!

We need to know how many will attend by August 19. Please pick up one of the bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex and return it with your deposit of \$50. The next installment is due on August 19 (\$100) and the balance is due on October 28. Details about the retreat and the costs are listed on the form.



1 Peter 2:9

### This Week at FPC

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

**Tuesday, July 24**  
4:00 Exercise Class

**Thursday, July 26**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

**Sunday, July 29**  
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.

### E-mail:

Supply Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Albert Myers: [aaldrichm@bellsouth.net](mailto:aaldrichm@bellsouth.net)

Pastor: Billy Wade: [wbwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:wbwade@bellsouth.net) (on sabbatical)

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

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

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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.

Home: 770-483-9732; Cell: 404-583-7070

E-mail: [aaldrichm@bellsouth.net](mailto:aaldrichm@bellsouth.net)

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

### Nursery Volunteers today:

Nina Giles  
Arnold Family  
**Next Week:**  
Andrea Heisel  
Gregory Family

### Ushers:

Cy & Jean Wolverton  
**Host:**  
Lynn & Jonathan Miller

### Sound System:

Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

### Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Day Kennon

### Class of 2013

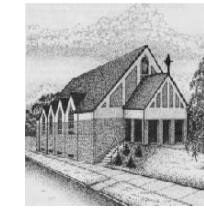
Patrick Carmichael  
Judy Davis  
Denny Dobbs  
Aubrey Evans  
Dave Gregory

### Class of 2014

Debra Arnold  
Bill Loeble  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2012



## Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* Lloyd Larson  
*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Don Hustad

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 232 Psalm 118:19-29  
(Please sing at the invitation of the cantor)

### ✦ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God, we thank you that you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you and voices to sing your praise. Send your Holy Spirit among us, Great God, that we may be prompted to worship you in joy and with gratitude. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

✦ HYMN 489 UNSER HERRSCHER  
*Open Now the Gates of Beauty*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. When we consider the political arenas in which we live, our lives are filled with fear and despair. Our vision is bound by a culture of greed. And our decisions falter before a valueless society. Forgive us for being fearful, apathetic and complacent citizens of this nation. Sovereign Lord, restore us to the wholeness for which you created us. This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(silence for personal reflection)*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

### Thanks be to God!

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness; and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**