

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Here I Am* Pote
Laurie Bunn, 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
O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 2:1-6, 9-10
Mark 6:1-13

SERMON Dan Walden
Should I Stay or Should I Go?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 525 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM LORD

☩ 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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY LOBE DEN HERREN/arr. Bock
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 428, verse 1
We give Thee but Thine own, What 'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Holy God, in this moment draw us to yourself and make us aware not so much of what we've given as of all that we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

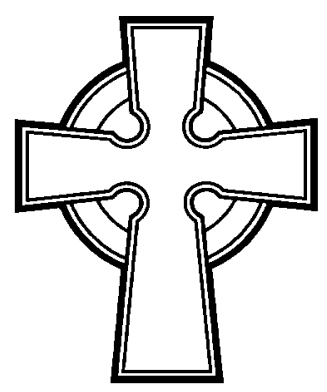
☩ HYMN 538 SICILIAN MARINERS
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

☩ 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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Croft

☩ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is our preacher this morning. The Rev. Larry Kennon is assisting with worship.
- Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†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) †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)
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Congratulations to Ben Davis and his Little League baseball team for winning the Championship game at Cooperstown, NY. Ben is the grandson of Judy Davis.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton

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

Ambassador Choir sings at Salem Camp Meeting tomorrow, July 9, for the 10:50 a.m. worship service. 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!

Salem Camp Meeting Information: If you go to this website, you can find all the pertinent information about this historic, week-long Camp Meeting held by Salem United Methodist Church: www.salemcampmeeting.org. They have information about service and activities, history of this event, menus for the meals at Salem Inn, etc.

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.

SonRise National Park

Point Your Kids to Jesus!
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 tomorrow 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! See or call Debra Arnold, Rebecca Bates or Dan Walden for more information.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 8
No Children/Youth Sunday School
10:40 Summer Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service

Monday-Friday
9:00—12:00 *Vacation Bible School*

Monday, July 9
10:30 Ambassador Choir warm-up at the Tabernacle at Salem Camp Meeting, then sing for worship at 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10
4:00 Exercise Class

Thursday, July 12
No Ambassador Choir

Sunday, July 15
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

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The Rev. Al Myers, our supply pastor while Mr. Wade is on sabbatical, will be on vacation through July 13. 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.

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

Nursery Volunteers today:

Loeble Family
Hawley Family

Next Week:
Ann Bouchillon
Trista Hooten-Young

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

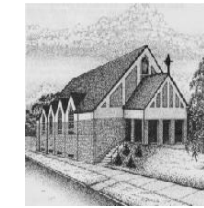
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <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>	<i>Director of the</i>	
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	<i>Early Learning Center</i>	



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Dykes
Hamblen
Until Then

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord with awe and joy, for God's presence is with us deeply this morning.

For it is through awe and joy that we create hearts ready for God, and lives ready for service.

✦ HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION from Psalm 123

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us for being so locked into our own experiences in life that we have not even tried to understand the depth of the horrors others around the world have known in theirs. Open our eyes to see something of what they have seen, our ears to hear something of what they have heard, our hearts to feel something of what they have felt. By the miracle of your grace help us understand the ways of your redemptive love in such a world as this, and show us how we can be agents of that love.

(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS