

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

(Hymn 479, stanza 1)

Praise my soul, the God of Heaven, glad of heart, your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Bill Ingram
Handbell Choir

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 READINGS Acts 5:21b-42

SERMON *Can I Get a Witness?* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Voluntary on MIDDLEBURY* Dale Wood

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Hymn 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ HANDBELL PROCESSIONAL Handbell Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



The flowers that were in the sanctuary last Sunday were given to the glory of God in memory of Sandy Elder, on the anniversary of her birth, by her sister, Terry, and her brothers, Scott and Russ.

Mr. Wade will be preaching a four-part series on the parables of Jesus, June 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- ◆ The Prayer of Dedication comes from *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*, James G. Kirk.
- ◆ 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Rebecca Bates - cancer †Susan -cancer (Michael Wilson's sister) †Gray Jones - pneumonia (son of Krissy Jones) †Chris Martin-home †Sam Hay, Jr.--home †Frank Davis--home †Teddy Horton, nephew of Blankenship family--throat cancer †Evelyn Underwood, mother of Pam Stillerman - home †Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child) †Maureen Picard - breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin) †Jack Yoder - home †Jan Coulon - home †Velma Prescott - at daughter's home †Judy Findlay - liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey) †Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside †Helen Sessions - breast cancer (friend of the Liems') †Danielle Schubert--chemotherapy, home †Agnes Vining--treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining) †Richard Katenkamp--lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems') †Anderson Krieger--Leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill) †Barbara Johnson--home †Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; home †Roland Nelson--very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney) †Erin Kelahan--auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth) †Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton †Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant †Donnie Vining--chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Jackie Wood--brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey) †Shirley Smith--awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister) <p>Covington Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Rita Harrell †Joy Knight <p>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens †Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville †Doris Hicks - Merryvale †Clarence Price - Parkview Manor <p>Benton House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Helen and George Stamps †Mary Crudup †Doris Mote †Murray and Hazel McClure †Frances Ivey <p><i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for the Stillerman family in the death of Jim's mother, Marguerite Mathias Stillerman, who died on Monday. Mrs. Stillerman was the grandmother of Liz and Tom Stillerman.</i></p> |
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Hospital Visitor:
Jean Blair



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 Presbyterian Women will hold their final yearly meeting in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:00 pm. Special treats have been added to our usual salad supper. Guy McGiboney will provide his delicious ham, and Jean Blair will make the birthday cake. The program will include installation of new officers, special music, and a presentation about the recipient of the Birthday Offering.

Silver Saints will meet for lunch on June 13, at noon, in the Martin Fellowship Hall. If you have a photo of your wedding, please bring it to share. Call Jean Elder if you have questions.

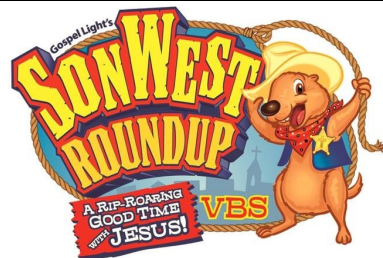
Save The Date : Sunday, June 23rd, we will be having our church-wide summer picnic at the home of Jonathan and Sallie Paschal. Mark your calendars and let's all come and have great food and fellowship.

Bible Exhibit: The traveling exhibit "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible" will be held in Conyers at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library May 29-July 12, during library hours Monday- Thursday, 10:00 – 8:00 and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00. The exhibit consists of seven double-sided panels that examine, among other topics, how the King James Version of the Bible came to be written. Of special interest are two lectures being presented in conjunction with the exhibit. Michael Morgan, organist at Central Presbyterian Church and Columbia Theological Seminary, will present at 2 pm on Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, bringing with him a small sample of his extensive private collection of Bibles, Psalms, and New Testaments. Michael is well known by many in this congregation. His knowledge of the people who made the translations and their stories will be worth the trip to Conyers on June 7, or June 8, at 2 pm.

From the Witness Team: save the week of Sept. 22 for a **state-side mission trip**. Details will be released soon.

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, June 2 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesday, June 4 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, June 5 4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>Thursday, June 6 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Sunday, June 9 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting</p>
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Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:
July 8-12

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

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 June:
toilet paper and 1 quart Koolaid packets

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

The mOSS Family

Ushers:

TBA

Next Week:

The Weesner Family

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

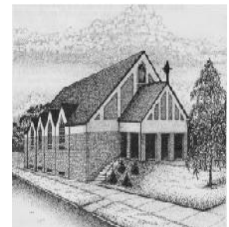
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato
<i>and Children's Ministry</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Krissy Jones <i>Director of the</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	<i>Early Learning Center</i>



**Second Sunday
after Pentecost**

June 2, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto No. 2* G. F. Handel
Come, Ye Disconsolate Dennis Johnson

INTROIT *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Bill Ingram
Handbell Choir

✦ HANDBELL PROCESSIONAL Handbell Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:1b-3

"Fear not," says the Lord, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned;
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior."
Amen.

✦ HYMN 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because we have seen pain without being moved,
because we forget your love with solemn pride,
because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

For speaking of love without loving our sister or
brother, for speaking of faith without living your word,
because we live without seeing our personal evil, our sin,
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.

For our tranquility in our affluent life, for our great
falseness in preaching about poverty, for wanting
to make excuses for injustice and misery,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.
(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS