

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Forgiven and renewed by Christ's Spirit, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love is This* Eric Thiman
Sanctuary 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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-15

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Characters of Lent: Nicodemus

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 275 *God of Our Life* SANDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in the 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 *Celtic Farewell* Linda Lamb
Handbell Choir

✦ 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.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In this moment draw us to yourself Lord, and make us aware not so much of what we've given as of all we've

received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess, that, in sharing, we may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy ourselves, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

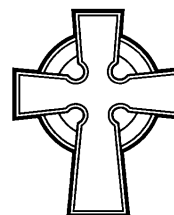
✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

My Song is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- * 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

†Kathryn Wallace--home
 †Guy McGiboney--home
 †Danielle Schubert--chemotherapy, home
 †Patti Lanford--foot surgery
 †Janet Carmichael--eye surgery
 †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)
 †James Hamm--home
 †Barbara Johnson--home
 †Doris Hicks--stroke
 †Penny Hale Blakeney, surgery, home
 †Carla Harvill-surgery, home
 †Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd
 †Clarence Price - 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
 †Revis Blakeney, Jr -stage IV cancer (nephew of Reed Blakeney)
 †Sylvia Smith--leukemia (friend of the Kennons)
 †Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant
 †Donnie Vining--chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
 †Jackie Wood--brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)

†Courtney LeCroix Hoover - awaiting 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
 †Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens
 †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
 †Doris Hicks - Merryvale

Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps
 †Mary Crudup
 †Doris Mote
 †Murray and Hazel McClure
 †Frances Ivey

Out of the Country

†Renee Robinson - Australia (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

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.



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: July 8-12

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Circle V— Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. They will meet at the home of Rita Tingler, 5249 David Circle 770-787-2480.

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. This week the menu is: fried chicken, rice, green beans, carrot and raisin salad, rolls. Bring a dessert to share. The cost is \$6 adult, \$3 children under 10. Fill out a reservation form found in the pew pocket or call or e-mail by Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. 770-786-7321 or e-mail Peni at: penihaug@bellsouth.net.

The Wednesday Night Study Group: He was a "Hellenist", he was not one of the Twelve, he performed "great wonders and signs", he becomes the first martyr to die for his proclamation of Jesus.....STEPHEN will be the topic of study on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

Session Meeting: The next meeting of the Session will be Sunday, **March 17**, in the Martin Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. (Note the change of date.)

Church Office Hours

The Session has approved a change in office hours to facilitate some time for our treasurer to have a few hours of uninterrupted time for financial work. So, beginning on Monday, March 4, the church office will not be open until 1:00 p.m. The remainder of the business week, the office will be open from 9:00-5:00 (closed for lunch). Mr. Wade and Mr. Walden take their days off on Mondays. Please use our voice mail system to leave messages and your calls will be returned as soon as possible.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 10

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Lunch & Hunger Walk

Tuesday, March 12

4:00 Exercise
7:00 Circle V

Wednesday, March 13

4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Choir Rehearsal
6:45 DVD Study

Thursday, March 14

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, March 17

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

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 March:

Canned Vegetables
(no corn or green beans)

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Laurie Bunn

Next Week:

Kevin and Callie Weber

Ushers:

Witness Team

Rick Gunter, Judy Davis,
Mary Bollinger, Jean Elder

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 Loebke
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.

Pastor

Louly Fowler Hay

Parish Associate

Dan Walden

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Krissy Jones

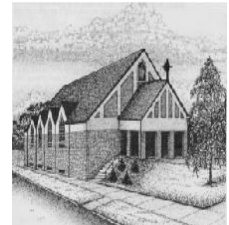
Director of the

Early Learning Center



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul* Sigfried Karg-Elert
Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth

INTROIT *My Song is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN
Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live, I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

✦ HYMN 482

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, hear our prayers. There are things we have done and said which we wish we could take back. We have thoughts we cannot control. You tell us that you seek to forgive everything. Help us to believe that. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. We need new chances. We need your mercy. We need your love. We pray this in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 280, stanza 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.