

♣ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT
 Hymn 347, stanza 1
“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray, but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

♣ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON
 Hymn 466, stanza 2
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ear, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.

♣ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 Forgiven and renewed by the peace of Christ, let us offer Christ’s peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Mallory
 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

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 3:14-21
 I John 3:16-24

SERMON *Saved for What?* The Rev. Larry Owens

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♣ HYMN 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

♣ 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ
**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
 Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the**

Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
 (sing on cue from cantor)

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* arr. Diane Bish

♣ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING
 Hymn 422, STANZA 1
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door: gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thoughtful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

♣ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♣ HYMN 81 ST. FLAVIAN
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

♣ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♣ CHORAL RESPONSE *Song of Zechariah* KINGSFOLD
 Sanctuary Choir

♣ POSTLUDE *Canzona* J. S. Bach

♣ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

* Larry Owens is a long-time Presbyterian minister and Director of Annual Giving for Presbyterian Homes, one of the top-rated retirement communities in Georgia, providing care for more than 1,000 individuals and couples. Larry grew up in the wild country of Mississippi, earning a BA at one of the state’s historic Presbyterian colleges. Upon completion of the M.Div. and M.C.E. degrees, he served four churches in Mississippi and Georgia. For more than 10 years he followed a dual career, pastoring small churches while he worked in corporate America, eventually becoming president of an Atlanta-based hotel company. During that time he also pursued post-graduate studies at Columbia Theological Seminary. Before joining Presbyterian Homes, he served as Director of Development for Thornwell Children’s Home in Georgia.
 * 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

†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 - Monroe †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 †Reneé Robinson - Australia (Bettie Miller’s granddaughter)
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Hospital Visitor:
 Cy 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.



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: July 8-12

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Session Meeting: The Session will meet today in the Martin Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. This week the menu is: hamburgers, French fries, baked beans. Bring a dessert to share and your favorite topping for burgers. 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: On Wednesday, March 20, 2013, we will learn more about THE CENTURIONS. These are the presiding officers over a "century" of 80-100 men. After learning about their responsibilities, we'll hear about three particular centurions who appear in the New Testament: the Capernaum centurion, the centurion at the cross (Longinus), and Cornelius. 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.

Mission and Easter Flowers: Please see the insert in today's bulletin about the Easter flower and mission project.

Good Friday Day of Prayer: On Good Friday, the church will be open from 11 am - 2 pm for those who would like to take part in the prayer vigil. If you wish to have someone prayed for, please fill out one of the special prayer request forms in the bulletin or from the round table in the narthex. You may place your requests in the offering plate or in the prayer box on the round table.

Address for Clarence Price:
Parkview Manor Nursing and Rehab Center
460 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30312

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 17, Lent 5

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 19

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Palm Sunday, March 24

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

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:

Kevin and Callie Weber

Next Week:

Josh and Holly Hughes Family

Ushers:

Witness Team

Rick Gunter, Judy Davis,
Jan Giles, Patrick Carmichael

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

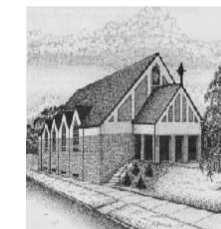
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Louly Fowler Hay	Parish Associate		Organist/Ambassador Choir
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	Nursery
Peni Haug	Secretary-Treasurer	Krissy Jones	Director of the Early Learning Center
Alan Bunn	Music Director		



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word* J. S. Bach
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Michael Burkhardt
Andante Cantabile Charles-Marie Widor

INTROIT *Song of Zechariah* KINGSFOLD
Sanctuary Choir

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98 (from *The Message* translation)

Come, sing a new song to God!

Remember all the times full of wonder.

God has already saved us!

Plug in the keyboard; tune up those guitars;
try out the drums!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Open the windows! Listen to the choirs outdoors,
both feathered and furred!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

For God is not done doing wonders!

God is coming to set everything right.

Sing a new song to God!

✠ HYMN 472 *O Sing to the Lord* Brazilian Folk Melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Generous Father, you teach us through your Son that we find ourselves only when we give ourselves away. You call us to love others as he loved us, so your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. When we wonder what that means, you point us to his cross and ask us to watch and pray. We confess that such love doesn't come easy for us. Sometimes, we struggle to make room for the people you bring into our lives. We admit that we would much rather talk about love than practice it. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)