

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Lift Your Light* Mary McDonald  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness;  
Let it shine all over the world; Jesus loves you!  
Lift your light, lift it high, high in the darkness;  
Jesus is the light of the world, lift it higher.  
Lift your light!  
Jesus is the light, light of all the world;  
Lift the light within you; shine it all around the world.  
Let the glory rise; raise it to the sky; let your light for Jesus shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!  
Lift your light higher and higher!  
Jesus is the light of the world!*

## 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 Exodus 24:12-18  
Matthew 17:1-8

SERMON The Rev. Albert Myers  
*There are Some Questions Google Cannot Answer*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IV.2*

**Jesus lived a truly human life.  
Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a  
society troubled by the common problems of the world.  
His knowledge was limited by his time and place in  
history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the  
hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with  
temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering  
and death. He was like us in every way except sin.**

**Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father  
with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He  
loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In  
constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus  
allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving  
God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

**We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.  
He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He**

**demonstrates the new humanity God promises to  
give us through him.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* p. 35 in front of hymnal

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Anna Laura Page  
*Fairest Lord Jesus with As the Deer*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON  
Hymn 475, stanza 1  
***Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to  
sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call  
for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious  
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the  
mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging  
love!***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Accept these gifts that we offer, O God, as a sign of the  
lives that we commit to your service. Grant that we  
might reach out through these resources to those who  
are in need of your Word, your comfort, your challenge.  
Transform us, we pray, that in the giving of our worldly  
goods we might become free to give of our hearts, and  
come to know something of the life to which Christ  
called us; for we pray in his name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *Festal Contrast No. 2 in D* Frank E. Brown

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

## Worship Notes

- DVD'S of the Hymn Festival held at First Presbyterian Church of Covington on January 26, 2014, are available. There is a limited number of these high quality DVD's. Please see Alice Walker if you would like to have one. There is no charge for the DVD's.
- 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

†Helen Stamps--Benton House  
†Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)  
†Roger Gossage--elbow surgery  
†Emma Bowen-sister of Debbie Gossage  
†Buster Gregory and his son, Joel--bereavement in the death of son and brother  
†Bernice Bailey-home  
†Mary Aunese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)  
†Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)  
†Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)  
†Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)  
†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Donnie Vining-brain surgery (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Rebecca Bates-will begin radiation  
†Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)  
†Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)  
†Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)  
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)  
†Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)  
†Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

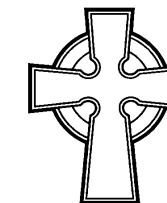
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Mary Cline-relocated  
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers  
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
†Joy Knight -Riverside  
†Martha Borders-Riverside

**Benton House**  
†Helen and George Stamps  
†Mary Crudup  
†Doris Mote  
†Frances Ivey  
†Joan Smith  
†Velma Prescott

**Covington Square**  
†Rita Harrell

**Merryvale**  
†Doris Hicks  
†Bill Taylor  
†Elizabeth Gadilhe

Celebrate with Betty Robinson on the birth of her thirteenth great-grandchild, Samuel Ryan Dearing, who was born on February 6th. His parents are Robinson and Molly Dearing of Jackson, Wyoming.



**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**

**Youth Connection**

**Sunday, March 2, 2014** Middle and high school meets at 4:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall; Choir practice at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. provided by the Gregory family  
Plans are for a representative from the Newton County School System to speak with us on what food insecurity is, how it affects some students in our school system, and how the schools are helping. We'll play a rousing game of charades with some interesting categories!!!!

**The Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no supper provided.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.** Set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

**Hunger Walk:** At 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9th, over 150,000 walkers and runners will set off from Turner Field on a 5K course around downtown Atlanta. In doing so they will raise money to alleviate food poverty in Atlanta. Our **Youth Connection** will be participating in this walk again this year, but it is **open to all members** of First Presbyterian Church of Covington. We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after church on the 9<sup>th</sup>, have a quick lunch together as we change into our walking shoes. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tom Stillerman (770-843-3720) or Jean Blair (678-342-4377) no later than March 5, so that transportation, lunch and registration can be arranged.

**Men of the Church:** Gatherings are being planned for "Men of the Church" including breakfast and a devotional time. The dates will be Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.: March 22, April 26 and May 24. Anyone interested should reply to Billy Wade, 770-786-7321 or e-mail him at: [wbwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:wbwade@bellsouth.net).

***This Week at FPC***

**Sunday, March 2**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
4:30 Youth Connection

**Thursday, March 6**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
**Saturday, March 8**  
Session Retreat at Oxford  
Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour before bed

**Tuesday, March 4**  
4:00 Exercise  
7:00 Circle V at Tootles Tingler

**Sunday, March 9**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
Noon Lunch at FPC and then go to Atlanta for the Hunger Walk

**Wednesday, March 5**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
4:00 Adventure Club  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at First United Methodist Church

**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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Covington, Georgia 30014



**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); you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers today:**

Nina Giles  
**Next Week:**  
Gregory Family

**Ushers:**

Billy Fortson, chair

**Sound Engineer:**

Ken Walker

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

**Class of 2014**

Debra Arnold  
Bill Loeble  
Darcel Tabb  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton  
Sam Hay, IV

**Class of 2015**

Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman  
Kevin Weber

**Class of 2016**

Charles Ardis  
Joyce Ashworth  
Betty Bailey  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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



**Transfiguration  
of the Lord**

**March 2, 2014**

*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz  
*Lord God, Open Now the Gates of Heaven* J. S. Bach

**INTROIT** SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** I John 3:2  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we will be has not been revealed.  
What we do know is this: when he is revealed,  
we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

**Praise the Lord!**

✦ **HYMN 403** UNSER HERRSCHER  
*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we confess that so often we do not live our lives in ways that reflect your love. We have failed to show the power of life in Christ. We have lived too much like the rest of the world, and not enough for it. Forgive us, and empower us for new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O WALY WALY  
*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581  
*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.**

