

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS  
(Hymn 276, stanza 3)  
***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- ✦ 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 all.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- ANTHEM *I Want To Be Ready* arr. Bolt  
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  
(Hymn 339, stanza 3) SLANE  
***Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

- SCRIPTURE READING I Timothy 1:1-7

- SERMON *Mother's Day* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- ✦ HYMN 426  
*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY  
(stanzas 1-3)

- ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*  
**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the**

**covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

## OFFERTORY

- His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Martin/Gabriel  
Janet Carmichael, solo

- ✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH  
Hymn 592 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, giving thanks for all we have received by your hand, nurtured by those who have taken us under their wings and led us by their faithful and loving examples, send us forth now into the world by your power. Let us live out what we pray and profess, sharing what we have been given, doing justice, striving for peace, telling the good news, enjoying you, ourselves and others in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- ✦ HYMN 426  
*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY  
(stanzas 4-5)

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE  
*His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Martin/Gabriel  
Janet Carmichael, solo

- ✦ POSTLUDE *Con moto maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

- ✦ Please stand, if you are able.



The floral arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Mason and Grier Stephenson and their families in memory and honor of their mother, **Katherine Mason Williams Stephenson**, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of her birth. "Miss Katie" as she was known around Covington, was a member of First Presbyterian and sang in the church choir from 1942 until 1992.

## Worship Notes

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- \* The Prayer of Confession comes from Fulbert of Chartres, 960-1028, in *2000 Years of Prayer*, comp. by Michael Counsell. 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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| †Michael Wilson's sister—cancer   | †Erin Kelahan—auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth) |
| †Teddy Horton, friend of Blankenship family—throat cancer                   | †Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton                                       |
| †Evelyn Underwood, mother of Pam Stillerman - home                          | †Sylvia Smith—leukemia (friend of the Kennons)                                  |
| †Margarite Stillerman, mother of Jim Stillerman - hospice care              | †Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant                                      |
| †Lucas Cronan—leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)                   | †Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)                   |
| †Maureen Picard - breast cancer(cousin of Barbara Martin)                   | †Jackie Wood—brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)                           |
| †Jack Yoder - rehabilitation at Madison                                     | †Shirley Smith—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)             |
| †Mary Bollinger - fall, broken knee cap                                     | †Darris Burrell— fractured hip; home  |
| †Jan Coulon - cancer treatment  |   |
| †Velma Prescott - at daughter's home  |   |
| †Judy Findlay - liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)                    |   |
| †Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside                                      |   |
| †Robert Fairey - heart surgery (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                |   |
| †Clarence Price - Parkview Manor  |   |
| †Roland Nelson—very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)                         |   |

### Covington Square

- †Rita Harrell  
†Joy Knight

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

- †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

### Hospital Visitor: Louly Hay

*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

**Presbyterian Women Circle V** will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Savage.

**Mid-Week Feast** takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu this week is: sandwiches and salad. Bring a dessert to share. The cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for kids under 10. Please make reservations by filling out the reservation form found in the pew pocket or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

**Wednesday Night Study Group:** Join the study group on Wednesday, May 15, 2103, as they view a lecture by Dr. Amy Jill Levine. The group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast. This will conclude our year long study of New Testament Figures and you are encouraged to watch for future news as to what the study group will discuss this fall.

**Adventure Club Summer Celebration** is this Wednesday, May 15th from 4-6 pm. Bring a friend, a summertime snack to share and join others to celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer break.



### Special Mother's Day Offering

Today and Sunday, May 19, our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia in support of the *Caring Hands Fund* for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide exceptional care and services for more than 400 elderly residents who have outlived their financial resources. An anonymous benefactor has offered to match each church's Mother's Day Offering for those churches where a church member or group of members step forward to match the amount raised from the offering in their church. The good news is that someone in our congregation has stepped forward to match the amount FPC gives. **The benefactor's challenge gift has the potential to triple the Mother's Day Offering.** Use the offering envelope in the worship bulletin for your Mother's Day donation. Your generosity will be appreciated.

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, May 12**  
**Mother's Day**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

**Monday, May 3**  
 6:00 ELC Pre-K Graduation

**Tuesday, May 14**  
 7:00 Circle V  
 4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, May 15**  
 4:00 Adventure Club  
 Summer Celebration

4:00 Prayer Group  
 4:00 Finance Committee  
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 DVD Study Group

**Thursday, May 16**  
 11:30 Prayer Group

**Sunday, May 19, Pentecost**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 12:00 Session

## 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:

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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

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 Covington, Georgia 30014-2314



### 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 May:

One meal boxed dinners with meat in them, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, noodle rings

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Nursery Volunteers today:**  
 The Henderson Family

**Ushers:**  
 Gary & Susan Boteler

**Next Week:**  
 The Jessup 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

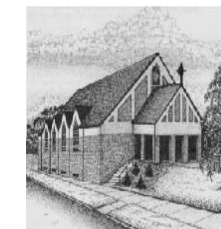
**Class of 2015**  
 Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Jan Giles  
 Jim Stillerman  
 Kevin Weber

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



**Seventh Sunday  
of Easter  
May 12, 2013**



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN  
 Jon Paschal, guitar, Alice Walker, piano  
*Andante legato* Adolf Henselt  
*This is My Father's World* Diane Bish

**INTROIT** *Loving Spirit* OMNI DIE  
 Laurie Bunn, solo

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 66:13  
 "As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you," says the Lord.  
**We come to worship God,** from Psalm 139  
**who loved us before we were yet born,**  
**who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**  
**whose presence never leaves us,**  
**and whose love for us never ceases.**  
 Let us worship God together

✠ **HYMN 483**  
*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you: you are gentle with us like a mother with her children. In your love and tenderness, **remake us.** Often you weep over our sins and our pride; tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment. In your love and tenderness, **remake us.** You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds: in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us. In your love and tenderness, **remake us.** Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life: by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy. In your love and tenderness, **remake us.** Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness: through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. In your love and tenderness, **re-make us.** Your warmth gives life to the dead: your touch makes sinners righteous. In your love and tenderness, **re-make us.** In compassion bring grace and forgiveness: for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. In your love and tenderness, **remake us.**