

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 280, stanza 1 AMAZING GRACE  
*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.*

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Rutter  
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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2; 2:7  
John 20:19-22

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.  
VIII. *The Apostles' Creed: I Believe in the Holy Ghost*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 316 TRENTHAM  
*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 14 in front of hymnal

A MOMENT FOR MISSION Judy Davis

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Michael Burkhardt  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
O God, stir us, empower us and move us in new and bold ways, for the sake of your gospel; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 540 Randolph  
*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE arr. Stephenson  
*I've Got the Joy Down in My Heart*  
Hand Bell Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *The Rejoicing* Charles Callahan

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

As of Monday, May 14, the Rev. Dr. **Albert (Al) Myers** will be our supply pastor during the time that Mr. Wade is on sabbatical. Al Myers is an old friend of the congregation and has preached at FPC on a number of occasions since his retirement. Below is a bit of biographical information:

Education: Davidson College, Davidson, NC  
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond VA  
Faculte of Protestante Theologie, Montpellier, France  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA  
Churches served: Centre Presbyterian Church, Maxton, NC  
Conyers Presbyterian Church, Conyers, GA  
Married: Mary Stenhouse Myers  
Children: Albert Aldrich Myers, III  
Daniel Holbert Myers  
James Hamilton Myers  
Grandchildren: children of Albert and Dana - Emily Katherine and Sarah Elizabeth  
children of James and Liz - Ellen Grace and Jane Caroline

Dr. Myers will be in the church office a couple of days during the week and on Sundays. He also can be reached at other times if you have a pastoral concern.  
Home: 770-483-9732; Cell: 404-583-7070  
E-mail: aaldrichm@bellsouth.net

*Worship Notes*

\* Dan Walden, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service today.  
\* Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

† Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant  
† Rita Harrell—tests  
† Ashlyne Ray Matta—head trauma (Lori Ardis' cousin)  
† Charles Woods - heart problems, Crawford Long Hospital, Atlanta  
† William Lawson—chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)  
† Roger Gossage—home, tests  
† Brad Phillips' mother—home  
† Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)  
† Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
† Brandon Massey—Scottish Rite (grandson of Sherry and Chuck Brasher)  
† Jackie Wood—brain tumor (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)  
† Claude Bennett—rehabilitation, Snellville (Milton Patton's friend)  
† David Humphrey—liver cancer, home (Milton Patton's friend)  
† Barbara Weesner—home (mother of Chris Weesner)  
† Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)  
† Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)  
† Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for 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, Conyers  
† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center  
† Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens  
† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

**Benton House**

† Helen and George Stamps  
† Mary Crudup  
† Doris Mote

**Military:**

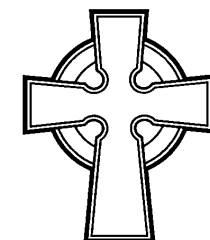
† Savannah (Cannon) Knudson

**Out of the Country**

Jodi Walden—Stoday in Paris  
† Lauren Moon—New York City  
† Hannah Moon—Australia  
† Liz Stillerman—Israel  
† Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

*Congratulations to Tina Boston on the birth of a niece, Riley Alexis Meck, who was born on May 5.*

**Hospital Visitor:** Jean Elder



**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

*Special Mother's Day Offering*

Today 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. In 60 years of ministry, Presbyterian Homes has never asked a resident to leave due to their depleted funds. Last year, the Caring Hands Fund provided more than \$4 million in benevolent care at its four communities. Use the offering envelope in the worship bulletin for your Mother's Day donation. Your generosity will be appreciated.

**Pastor Myers schedule for May 15-19:** Tuesday afternoon and all day on Wednesday.

**Quarterly Pledge Statements**

The first quarter statements of giving are ready and may be picked up from the basket in the narthex. These statements are only for those who have pledged for 2012. If you don't pledge but would like a statement, call Peni Haug in the church office at 770-786-7321.

**Mr. Wade begins his Sabbatical** after worship today. He will return on August 19.

**Food Pantry Needs for May:** mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup and pickles. Please place your donations in the containers in the narthex or elsewhere in the building.

**Shred Event:** The Covington/Newton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a day of shredding on Thursday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. You may bring your household or office shredding and they will shred it for you—free! Small amounts will be shredded on-site; larger amounts will be taken back to their industrial sized shredder. They will be using our parking lot that adjoins the Welcome Center—you just pull your car up and unload next to the shredding truck.

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, May 13**  
**Happy Mother's Day!**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, May 15**  
 No Exercise Class  
 6:00 Pre-K Graduation

**Wednesday, May 16**  
 Early Learning Center's  
 Last Day of School  
 4:00 Adventure Club  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 17**  
 10-5:30 "Shred Day" at the Welcome Center  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir  
 4:30 Prayer Group, Sanctuary

**Sunday, May 20**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 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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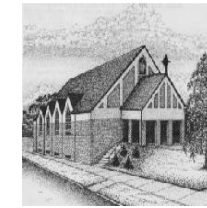
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**May 13, 2012  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Mother's Day**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Thanks Be to God* G. F. Handel  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Robin Milford

**INTROIT** *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* BRIGHTON  
 Children's Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 3:16  
 John the Baptizer told them: "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

✦ **PRAYER** John Dryden, 1623  
 Creator Spirit...come from on high. Rich in thy sevenfold energy; make us eternal truth receive, and practice all that we believe.

✦ **HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have said, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." We have tossed and turned in the night. There are things we have said and done that we regret, but we cannot take back.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

You have said, "Seek and you shall find."

But sometimes we cannot seem to find you.

At times we have not even sought you.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

You have promised us that your love is everlasting.

You love even the unlovable.

But, our love has been short-lived and conditional.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

You are slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

But, we have been impatient, quick to pass judgment and slow to forgive.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

*(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Taizé

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

*(sing 3 times)*

**SonRise National Park**

**Point Your Kids to Jesus!**

Ready for Fun and Adventure in the Great Outdoors? Then you're ready for SonRise National Park VBS! Please join us for fun and excitement!



**Save the Date! July 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers today:**

Hawley Family  
 Bates Family

**Next Week:**  
 Karen Laib  
 Loeble Family

**Ushers:**

Shaun & Aubrey Evans  
 J. L. Johnson & Joyce Ashworth

**Host:**

Jerry Gunter

**Sound System:**

Ken Walker

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

**Class of 2012**

Bernice Bailey  
 Rebecca Bates  
 Mac Cranford  
 Judy Hooten  
 Day Kennon

**Class of 2013**

Patrick Carmichael  
 Judy Davis  
 Denny Dobbs  
 Aubrey Evans  
 Dave Gregory

**Class of 2014**

Debra Arnold  
 Bill Loeble  
 Roger Tingler  
 Cy Wolverton

**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>	