

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Selections by Tim and Annie Akins

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Louly Fowler Hay
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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us this day; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:6-11

SERMON *An Ever Present Help* Al Myers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠ HYMN 467 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

♠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of 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 Selections by Tim and Annie Akins

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

♠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Out of your providing, Lord, we make this offering brought from our daily living. Sanctify your gift and bless the life from which it comes, that with a cheerful spirit and an ungrudging heart, we may be devoted to your service; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♠ HYMN 507 (stanzas 1-4) *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

♠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

I Come with Joy (Hymn 507, stanza 5) DOVE OF PEACE
Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise, we'll live and speak His praise.

♠ POSTLUDE Selections by Tim and Annie Akins

♠ Please stand, if you are able.

We welcome **Tim and Annie Akins** to First Presbyterian this morning. They come highly recommended to us from Martha Clay, the director of music at Conyers Presbyterian Church where they recently sang at a congregational gathering. Tim grew up in Brunswick, GA, and Annie hails from Chicago, IL.

Tim and Annie's music joins their love of Jesus with their love of rock, gospel, jazz, blues, and big band music. Their music unites listeners from both sides of the contemporary/traditional musical fence and blurs the lines between generations, denominations, and races. Marrying scripturally-sound lyrics to beautiful melodies, Tim and Annie have created something unique and wonderful. They combine their original songs with new interpretations of classic hymns to create a truly unique brand of Christian music that is as exciting as it is moving. As they describe it, "This ain't your kids' contemporary Christian music, and it ain't your daddy's old gospel music, either."

Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes

If you were not present on Mother's Day and would like to contribute to the offering which helps support Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, you may still do so.

If you pay by check, just put "Mother's Day" in the memo space and put it into the offering plate. If you want to give cash there are special offering envelopes on the round table in the narthex. Thanks for your generosity.

It's time to register for the Montreat Retreat! There are bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and return it with your deposit. The next installment is due on August 19, and the final payment is due on October 28. Date of the retreat and the costs are listed on the form.

Worship Notes

- * The Rev. Louly Hay, 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
†Ashlynn Ray Matta—head trauma (Lori Ardis' cousin)
†William Lawson—chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)
†Roger Gossage—home, tests
†Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)
†Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
†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)
†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—Study in Paris
†Lauren Moon—New York City
†Hannah Moon—Australia
†Liz Stillerman—Israel
†Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

We congratulate Lei Taylor and Dan Comerford on their marriage on May 12, 2012. Lei is the daughter of Bill and Martha Taylor.

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.

 **Time Flies Concert today at 3:00** at FPC; everyone is invited to attend. These singers are "graduates" of the Oxford

Singing groups, who still like to get together and sing! Come and hear the wonderful singing and give the singers a warm FPC welcome!

This concert of favorite pop and show tunes from the 1920's until the present is offered as a gift of gratitude to the FPC church family for offering rehearsal space to this talented group of young artists. There is no cost to attend the concert, but gifts to the **Arts Association** are always welcome.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Summer Picnic: We will have our traditional church family picnic on Sunday, June 10, at the home of Spencer and Linda Boyd. Swimming will begin at 4:30 p.m. and we will eat at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share. Chicken will be provided. Thanks, from your Congregational Life and Care Team.

We have enjoyed our last Mid-week Feast until August. It is now time to **CLEAN**. Please—if you have anything in the fridge or freezer that you want to keep—take it home. Items that are not taken home or marked with a name or group's name will be discarded. Any item with an expired use by date will be thrown away. Thanks, from your Congregational Life and Care Team.

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.

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

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 20
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 3:00 Times Flies Concert at FPC

Tuesday, May 22
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 23
 6:00 Choir Party at Clark's Grove

Thursday, May 24
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
 4:30 Prayer Group, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 27
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

**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:

Supply Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Albert Myers: aaldrichm@bellsouth.net
 Pastor: Billy Wade: wbwade@bellsouth.net (on sabbatical)
 Dan Walden: djwalden@mac.com
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**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! Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Save the Date! July 9th - 13th, 2012



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

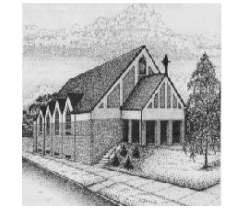
<p>Nursery Volunteers today: Karen Laib Loebke Family</p> <p>Next Week: Trista Hooten-Young Weesner Family</p>	<p>Ushers: Shaun & Aubrey Evans J. L. Johnson & Joyce Ashworth</p> <p>Host: Agnes Campbell</p> <p>Sound System: Ken Walker</p>	
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

<p>Class of 2012 Bernice Bailey Rebecca Bates Mac Cranford Judy Hooten Day Kennon</p>	<p>Class of 2013 Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p>Class of 2014 Debra Arnold Bill Loebke Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>	
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**May 20, 2012
 Seventh Sunday of Easter**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Selections by Tim and Annie Akins

☩ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86:8-10
 There is none like you, O Lord,
 nor are there any works like yours.
**All the nations you have made shall come
 and bow down before you, O Lord,
 and shall glorify your name.
 For you are great and do wondrous things;
 you alone are God.**

☩ HYMN 155 *Rejoice the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self, but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking your guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KING'S WESTON
 Hymn 148, stanza 1
**At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
 Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;
 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
 Who from the beginning was the mighty word.**

☩ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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