

✠ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is CHARLES GOUNOD
Juliana Laseter, soprano Alice Walker, piano

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 READING Ezekiel 1:1-7, 15-20, 25-28
2: 1 - 3: 3

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Wheel of Fortune

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 379 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith, X.1

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE trans. Lockwood

*Obrigado, Senhor
(We are Thankful, O Lord)
Sanctuary Choir*

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

"Come Unto Him" from Messiah G. F. HANDEL
Juliana Laseter, soprano Alice Walker, piano

✠ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDRETH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you know each of us by name.

Help us to trust your hand to hold us, guide us, nurture us, and challenge us, in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE

For the Fruit of All Creation EAST ACKLAM
Sanctuary Choir—Juliana Laseter, solo

✠ POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* CALLAHAN

✠ Please stand, if you are able.



Angel Trees: Trees for giving have been placed in the narthex. If you would like to provide a gift for a young child or a nursing home patient, please take a name, fill in the sign in sheet, and return your wrapped gift with the recipient's name attached to the church by December 16.

Missions instead of poinsettias: This year in lieu of individual poinsettias, we will be receiving donations for 2 missions. If you would like to make a donation this Christmas season to honor or memorialize a loved one, fill out a "Honor-Memorial" slip insert found in the bulletin and attach a check made out to FPC. Make a note in the Memo line for "Honor-Memorial". We will print a bulletin insert with an "in memory" section and an "in honor" section. The donations will be divided between Living Water and Ferguson Cottage.

The church family of Covington First United Methodist Church will be hosting the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7 pm. We are invited to join them for worship, Holy Communion and fellowship as we come together as a community of faith to count the many blessings God has given each of us.

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Worship Notes

- Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries will be assisting with the worship service today.
- Our guest soloist this morning is Julianna Laseter, a senior at Eastside High School. She attends All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, where she sings in the youth choir. Julianna is an intern at the Newton County Arts Association and is heavily involved in Oxford Youth Singers. She plans to major in opera performance.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Jim Elder—home
†Roger Tingler—eye surgery
†Emily Bunn—home
†Chuck Waller—stroke (friend of Travis Moss)
†Madison Smith—3rd grader @ NCTS; Egleston
†Peni Haug—back surgery
†Jean Rogers—cancer (Theodosia Wade's mother)
†Barbara Johnson—cancer treatment
†Zach Kimmel—knee injury
†Dot Graham—open heart surgery (cousin of Carol McGiboney)
†Tim Stewart—home
†David and Connie Waller—chemo and bone marrow transplant (friend of the Paschal family)
†Erin Kelahan—brittle-bone disease & auto accident, multiple fractures (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
†Claude Bennett (friend of Milton Patton)
†Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer
†Judy Childs Hopkins—chemotherapy (friend of Debbie Gossage)
†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 (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)
†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
†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

Out of the Country

†Reneé Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)
†Ben Johnson and Family—China (J. L. and Barbara Johnson's grandson)

Hospital Visitors: Bob and Darcel Tabb

The service for Sandy Elder is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at 1:00 PM in our Sanctuary. The Elders have returned from Florida.

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.



A **Thanksgiving Day of Prayer** will be held on Monday, November 19, 2012. The church will be open from 11:00 am—2:00 pm. Our church will join churches and volunteers around the world on this day. The slip in your bulletin can be returned individually or placed in the basket on the table in the Narthex. If you cannot join us, we hope you will pause wherever you are for prayer.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: There will be no Mid-Week Feasts held for the remainder of this calendar year. More information on future plans will be forthcoming.

The Wednesday Night Study Group: The DVD study group will begin a holiday break beginning this Wednesday, November 18th. In January, we will resume our study of "Great Figures of the New Testament". Look for announcements in the Sunday bulletins and the January newsletters for the new dates and times.

"Holiday Blues" Discussion: Dr. Cindy Elrod, a pastoral counselor with the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia, will be leading a series of discussions on how to get past the "Holiday Blues" this year to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas. The classes will be held at the Covington First United Methodist Church at 4:30 on Sundays, Nov. 18, December 9, 16, and January 13, 20. Classes are free of charge and childcare is available upon request. For more information, you may call 770-786-7305.

The Foundation Builders Sunday School Class will be helping to prepare the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 21, 10 am—12 noon. A nursery will be provided here at the church for little ones and peanut butter/jelly sandwiches will be available for their lunches. Please contact Adriane Ivey or Theodosia Wade, 770-317-4862, to reserve a spot. The congregation is invited to join us in this community service.

The Newton County Ministers' Union and the Community food Pantry will sponsor the **24th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** for needy families, senior citizens, and other individuals in Newton County on Thursday, Nov. 22, 11:00 am-2:00pm at Newton County Theme School at Ficquett. Please see the insert in the bulletin if you can supply items and/or provide monetary contributions.

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
Sunday, November 18 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:30 "Holiday Blues" FUMC	Wednesday, November 21 No Mid Week Feast or DVD series 6:45 Choir Rehearsal Thursday, November 22 Office Closed
Monday, November 19 11:00-2:00 Thanksgiving Day of Prayer—Sanctuary	Friday, November 23 Office Closed
Tuesday, November 20 4:00 Exercise Class 7:00 Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church	Sunday, November 25 9:00 Handbell Choir 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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Bring your 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 November: cookies, loaf bread, hot dog buns and, of course, you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

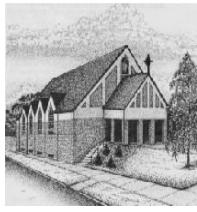
Food Pantry Needs

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today: Garvin Family Moss Family Next Week: Luton Family Bates Family	Ushers: Aubrey and Shaun Evans Terri and John McCarthy Sound System: Ken Walker
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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 Loebler Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton

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>	



**Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 18, 2012**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE MICHAEL BURKHARDT
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Now Thank We All Our God J. S. BACH

INTROIT BELL
Mungu Ni Mwema
 (Know That God Is Good)
Children's Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 78: 1-4
 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will utter mysterious sayings from of old,
 things that we have heard and known
 that our ancestors have told us.
**We will not hide them from our children,
 but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds
 of the Lord and the Lord's might, and
 the wonders which God has wrought.**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
 God of the beginning and the end, our lives are but a small part of your plan. We confess that too many times we have blamed you for our less than perfect lives. We have made our own choices and questioned you about the consequences. We cry out for answers but often fail to accept the ones you give. Lord, forgive us. Mold us again into the people you would have us be, for we ask it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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.