

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Saints Bound for Heaven* arr. Parker/Shaw
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

Merciful God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING I Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
In All Circumstances

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 555 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We all Our God

✦ 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

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRIMOND
(Hymn 170, Psalm 23)

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Now Thank We All Our God* DIANE BISH

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ASH GROVE
(Hymn 554, stanza 1)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us,

pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, from our first steps and all along the way, you have blessed us with goodness and mercy. Your loving kindness never fails. So we bring with gratitude the fruit of our labors, the service of our hands and the songs of our hearts. Bless not only what we bring for others but what we keep to use in your name. Grant that we may walk with you, always and in everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 551, (stanzas 3-4) ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

O what shall I render? GRATITUD
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* HENRY T. SMART

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Come Before Him With

Thanksgiving

Worship Notes

- Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries will be assisting with the worship service today.
- * 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

† Steve Buffington—cancer surgery (friend of Randy Layton)
† Jim Elder—home
† Roger Tingler—home
† Zach Kimmel—knee surgery Nov. 30
† Elizabeth Gregory—surgery on Nov. 26
† Roland Nelson—very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
† Chuck Waller—stroke (friend of Travis Moss)
† Madison Smith—3rd grader @ NCTS; Egleston
† Peni Haug—home
† Jean Rogers—cancer (Theodosia Wade's mother)
† Barbara Johnson—cancer treatment
† 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)
† Courteney 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:

Jean Wolverton

Congratulations to Mac and Anne Cranford on the birth of their grandson, Alexander Illuminado Johns, born Nov. 17, who is also the great grandchild of Frank and Sarah Davis.

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.

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.

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.

Survey: We will be sending out a survey regarding your opinion and desires for the Mid-Week Feast. Please look for it and respond so that we can make this event the best it can be.

The Wednesday Night Study Group: The DVD study group will begin a holiday break through December. 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, 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.

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.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, December 2, the First Sunday of Advent. Prepare your heart.



This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, November 25 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Monday, November 26</p> <p>Tuesday, November 27 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, November 28 No Mid Week Feast or DVD series 6:45 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, November 29 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>Friday, November 30</p> <p>Sunday, December 2 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 2:00 Homeless Shelter Party 5:00 Youth Connection</p>
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**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.

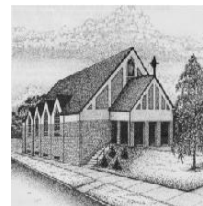
Special requests for December: cake mixes and brownie mixes and, of course, you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

Food Pantry Needs

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY	
<p>Nursery Volunteers today: Luton Family Bates Family Next Week: Hawley Family Loeble Family</p>	<p>Ushers: Shaun & Aubrey Evans Terry Digby & Jake</p> <p>Sound System: Ken Walker</p>

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 Loeble Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF		
<p>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></p>	<p>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></p>	



**Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2012**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Symphony in B-Flat* Nicolas Le Begue
Crown Him with Many Crowns KENNETH D. VARNER

INTROIT *O what shall I render?* GRATITUD
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

✦ **HYMN 559** *We Gather Together* KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give us an abundance of good things, richly to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet we have been anxious to hoard your gifts, and to acquire still more for ourselves. We have not trusted your promises, and have not sought your kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given, our fear that your provision will not be enough, and our failure to be generous with others, even as you have lavished generosity upon us. Bring to fullness in us the good fruit of your Spirit, that we would live in joyous faith, hope, and love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
(Hymn 280, stanza 3) *Amazing Grace*
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.