

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 417, stanza 4 REGENT SQUARE
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

EIN'FEST BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Bill Cobham, Trombone and Jerry Black, Organ

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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your truth we may find guidance for our daily living, and may discover a new and deepening relationship with you; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 23:37 - 44

SERMON The Rev. Albert Myers
"Gratitude Is the Memory of the Heart"

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Arioso* J.S. BACH

DOXOLOGY 591 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, through your grace the foundations of faith have been laid. Christ, the cornerstone, has once for all been set in place, and you have called us to be your building in whom the Spirit dwells. Accept what we do and the gifts that we bring. May they fit your design and prove enduring. In Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 282 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

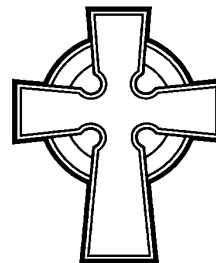
✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGRAGTIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 538 SICILIAN MARINERS
Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude (Werk 9)* Hermann Schroeder

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



The Wednesday Night Study Group: On Wednesday, November 7 the group will take a close look at The Samaritan Woman. The various ways in which this woman has been interpreted will be explored including her relationship with other women at the well, her impropriety, intellectual obtuseness, false religion, her living companion, and her roles as evangelist and church leader. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Meet in the Parlor at 6:45 pm following the Mid-Week Feast.

Worship Notes

- Cali Weber will be assisting with the worship service today.
- Jerry Black is recently retired from his job as Music Director and Organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marietta.
- Bill Cobham, a member of the Conyers-Covington Community Orchestra, recently joined First Presbyterian Church of Covington.
- * 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

†Peni Haug—back surgery
 †Jean Rogers—cancer (Theodosia Wade's mother)
 †Barbara Johnson—cancer treatment
 †Tim Stewart—Mayo Clinic
 ††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)
 †Maxine Blankenship—home
 †Cy Wolverton—broken arm
 †Debbie Gossage—home after shoulder surgery
 †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 Visitor:
Jean and Jim Elder

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.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: Hot dogs, chili dogs, slaw dogs, fried chicken, baked beans, and potato chips.

Third Quarter Statements: The 3rd QTR statements are available in the Narthex for those who have made a pledge for 2012.

Free discussion on Holiday Blues: November 11 and 18 at 4:30 at Covington First United Methodist Church. Dr. Cindy Elrod, PhD, LPC is the class facilitator. Call 770-786-7305 for more information.

Thanksgiving Day of Prayer: November 19 will be a day of prayer. Prayer request slips will be in the bulletin on November 4 and 11. They can be returned individually or placed in the basket on the table in the Narthex.

On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, the Presbyterian Women will host a luncheon immediately after the morning worship service to honor our veterans. The spouses and the widows of veterans are also invited for lunch. Please call the church office and leave your name and branch of service. We assume a person who has served in the armed forces is a veteran. **Please call the church office to make lunch reservations, 770-786-7321.**

Foundation Builders Sunday School: Class will be helping to prepare the community Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November, 21 from 10:00 am till noon. Nursery and PB&J sandwiches will be provided. Contact Adrienne Ivey or Theodosia Wade at 770-317-4862 to reserve a spot. The congregation is invited to join us in the community service.

Presbyterian Women: Circle III meets on Tuesday, November 6, 10:30 am at the home of Carol Dunbar. Day Kennon and Jean Blair will have the lesson. Please RSVP to Carol—770-787-2657, e-mail edcdcd@aol.com, or Jean Blair—678-342-4377.

This Week at FPC

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| <p>Sunday, November 4 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 No Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, November 7 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Choir Rehearsal 6:45 Study</p> | <p>Thursday, November 11 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>Sunday, November 11 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch for Veterans Session Meeting 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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Food Pantry Needs

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.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Andrea Heisel
Gregory Family

Next Week:

Ardis Family
Jessup Family

Ushers:

Bill & Diane Loeble

Sound System:

Rick Gunter

Guest Organist:

Jerry Black

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

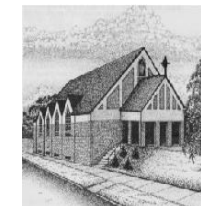
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| William B. Wade, Jr. | <i>Pastor</i> | Alice Walker | CAGO, AAGO |
| 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> | | |



**Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost
November 4, 2012**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Organ Hymn

Raymond Haan

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

✦HYMN 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often spend time filling our lives with the things of this world, only to discover again and again, that these things bring no lasting happiness and satisfaction. We confess that we try to make this world our permanent home; when in reality it is only a journey on our way to you. Forgive us for these and for all our sins, that we allow to come between you and us. Lead us to a true and genuine relationship with you as our Savior God. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through the death and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Believe this good news. Go forth under the influence of the Holy Spirit striving to conform your life in every way to be like Christ.

We do so believe. We will so strive. Thanks be to God!