

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD FOR STEWARDSHIP Kevin Bates

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH
Alan and Laurie Bunn, duet

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

Living God, help us so to hear your Holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
The Great Commission

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 391 *Take My Life (stanzas 1-4)* HENDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith, IX.3*

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision,

but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Jack W. Jones
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMAN
Hymn 428, stanza 1
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, you nourish us by the outpouring of your love. You strengthen us with your enlivening Spirit. We are sustained by your goodness and power. You are the source of every good act we perform and of every talent we possess. O God, you have given to us in abundance; accept these gifts as signs of our thanksgiving. Amen.

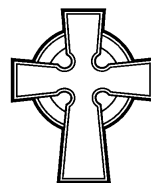
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 391 *Take My Life, (stanzas 5-6)* HENDON

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden will be assisting with the worship service today.
- * Both of today's hymns will appear in the new hymnal.
- * 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

†Barbara Johnson—cancer treatment
 †Dot Graham—open heart surgery (cousin of Carol McGiboney)
 †Tim Stewart—Mayo Clinic
 †William Lawson—hospice home care (Terri Digby's uncle)
 †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)
 †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)

Sympathy is extended to **Martha Fericola** on the death of her mother, Jane Hamrick.

Hospital Visitor:
Ann Bouchillon

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.

There will be a meeting of the congregation Sunday, October 28th at the conclusion of the morning worship service, if the way be clear. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect 5 elders to the class of 2015 and 1 elder to the class of 2014.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: We gather on Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is: barbecue pork sandwiches, baked beans, tossed salad, cole slaw and fried chicken. Bring a dessert to share. Please make your reservation by using the form found in the pew pocket, or by e-mailing the church office or by visiting our website using the link provided. Enter the # of adults and children 10 and over; and the number of children age 9 and below. Cost for supper is \$5 adults/children age 10 or older. Children under 10 \$3.

The Wednesday Night Study Group: The Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son is the topic of the Wednesday, October 24, 2012, study group. We'll learn about the history of Samaria, and the plots and outcomes of the parable of the "Good Samaritan" and the parable of the "Prodigal Son". This DVD presentation is by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

Presbyterian Women Project

If you wish to contribute to **Living Water for Girls** please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church Covington and mark for Living Water for Girls. On October 25th Peni will send a check for the total amount collected.

Save the Date! The lunch celebrating **Consecration Sunday** will take place after worship on **Sunday, October 28**. The menu will be: baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, mixed salad, chicken nuggets (for the kids!), and dessert. The bright yellow reservation forms are found in the bulletin. Please fill it out and turn it in so that we may have plenty of food on hand or call the church office by Thursday at noon. Thanks!

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.**

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, October 21 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, October 23 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, October 24 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Study</p>	<p>Thursday, October 25 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>Sunday, October 28 Consecration Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Congregational Meeting Consecration Celebration 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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GLORY TO GOD!! This is the name of the new revised hymnal soon to be available for all Presbyterians. The cost of each hymnal ordered before Dec. 16 is only \$15. What a great way to honor someone or just contribute to our ministry of music. Please read the leaflet, which can be found on the round table in the narthex, and consider buying some new hymnals for our church or yourself. For more information check the website: www.PresbyterianHymnal.org.

Food Pantry needs: Bring your donations to the church or drop them off at the food pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call 770-784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for October:** oatmeal, grits and boxed cereals.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Loeble Family
Hawley Family

Next Week:

Ann Bouchillon
Trista Hooten-Young

Ushers:

Stephanie Scarborough
Eleanor Scarborough
Reed & Penny Blakeney

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

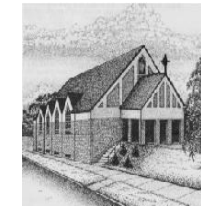
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost
October 21, 2012**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty James Pethel
Thy Strong Word Kevin Uppercue
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand Adam Mason

INTROIT

We are One in the Spirit ST. BRENDAN'S
Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

✦ HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we have squandered your many gifts and misused the talents and abilities you have entrusted to us. You have given us life, but we have not treated life as a gift. You have given us capabilities, but we have not developed them in ways that would benefit others. You have given us much to share, but we have kept your gifts to ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, and create in us a sense of gratitude, that all of our lives might show our thanksgiving. In the name of the Christ, we pray.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356, stanza 1
***Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!***

NETTLETON