

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams
Janet Carmichael, solo 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

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

SERMON Passing On the Promise Michael Thompson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Rodney Earle Pruner

✦ HYMN 426 Canonbury
Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

✦ 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 All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HENDON
Hymn 391, stanza 6
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, help us to keep our eyes on the Christ, who calls us to new life. Give us faith and hope, and fill us with his love for all your people; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 343 BEECHER
Called as Partners in Christ's Service

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE A Thousand Tongues William A. McNair

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes
We welcome Michael Thompson as our preacher on Theological Education Sunday. Michael is the Director of Communications at Columbia Theological Seminary. He and his wife Caryn, recently were received as members of FPC.
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.

Family Fall Fun 12:30 - 4:00 on Sunday, September 22
Wear or bring your "play clothes" to church on Sunday, September 22nd, then head to Clark's Grove and enjoy a great picnic lunch followed by games for ALL AGES. Bring a side dish to share. (We'll have meat and drinks.)
Please make a reservation with the church office by calling 770-786-7321, or by e-mail to: penihaug@att.net. Please remember that this is a new e-mail address as the old one was compromised.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Joe Schell-complications of diabetes (father of Krissy Jones)
†Kathryn Wallace-rehab at Riverside
†Doug Bolton, arm surgery
†Kim Floyd - Emory Mid-town (mother of Chelsie Coggins, ELC teacher)
†Clarence Price-Emory Mid-town
†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)
†Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
†Rebecca Bates-chemotherapy
†Barbara Johnson--cancer treatment
†Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
†Chris Martin-cancer treatment
†Frank Davis-home
†Velma Prescott-daughter's home
†Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of Pam Stillerman)
†Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
†Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
†Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of the Liems)
†Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems)
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
†Roland Nelson-very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
†Erin Kelahan-auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
†Claude Bennett-friend of Milton Patton
†Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

†Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Mary Cline-relocated
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Benton House
†Helen and George Stamps
†Mary Crudup
†Doris Mote
†Murray McClure
†Frances Ivey

Covington Square
†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight

Merryvale
†Doris Hicks
†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Martha Borders

We extend our prayers and sympathy for Eleanor Scarborough and her family in the death of her brother, Harold Floyd, who died on Monday; and for the family and friends of Jackie Wood who died last week (listed by Bernice Bailey and Carol McGiboney).

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.

Worship Bucks: Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire tithe once each month or even year for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However, there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace.
The Session of FPC ("ruling elders") are encouraging all of us to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing "thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil." (Book of Order W-2.5003)

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Adventure Club** is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th. We'll meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.** to learn about God and God's people through games, drama, music and arts & crafts.

**Mid-Week Feast:** Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for supper. The menu this week will be: spaghetti, salad and garlic toast. Bring desserts to share. Please fill out a reservation form which can be found in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. You also may call or e-mail the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

**Wednesday Night Study Group** The Wednesday night Study Group meets at 6:45 p.m. in the Parlor following the Mid-Week Feast and welcomes both our returning and new participants. For more information, please call Jean Blair 404-678-3251.

The **Witness Team** is sponsoring a drive to collect household items for **The World Relief Refugee Center** in Clarkston, GA. This organization helps to place refugee families in apartments. Items include good used pots, pans, dishes, bed linens, towels, lamps and furniture pieces. There will be a collection bin in the hallway for items, or if you prefer, a member of the Witness Team will pick up the donations at your home. You may contact Judy Davis at 770-464-4025 or Jean Elder at 770-787-7951 for further information.

**Evangelism Sunday is September 29th.** Invite your family, friends, neighbors and others to church, especially if they do not already have a church home. Spread the Word!



### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, September 15</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship Service TBA Youth Connection</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 17</b> 4:00 Exercise</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 18</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Study Group</p>	<p><b>Thursday, September 19</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir Room</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 22</b> 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship 12:30 Family Fun Day and Picnic</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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Pastor, Billy Wade: [wbwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:wbwade@bellsouth.net)  
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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
Covington, Georgia 30014-2314



Bring 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 September**  
macaroni and cheese  
ramen noodles

Food Pantry Needs

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

<p><b>Nursery Volunteers today</b> The Ardis Family <b>Next Week:</b> The Moss Family</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b> Aubrey Evans Roger Tingler</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

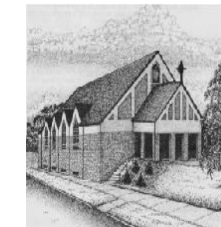
<p><b>Class of 2013</b> Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p><b>Class of 2014</b> Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber</p>
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FIRST 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 &amp; Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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*Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*  
**September 15, 2013**



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* J.S. Bach  
*Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* Diane Bish

INTROIT *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE  
Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78:1-4  
Listen, 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 hidden 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 277 O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT  
*O God, Our Faithful God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Merciful God, we confess how shallow our lives often have been. We have been undependable in our serving, timid in our witness, and fickle in our devotion to your kingdom. We have hoarded the gifts you have given us. We know that our confused sense of priorities and our unreliable commitments have weakened our effectiveness as disciples. Fill our lives, dear God. Give us depth and direction, and power for living the lives you call us to in Jesus Christ, for we pray in his name.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O WALY WALY  
Hymn 335, stanza 3  
**Come Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.**