

✦ **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**  
Forgiven and renewed by Christ's Spirit,  
let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Celtic Laud* COURTNEY  
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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8: 27-38

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*What Do You Say?*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

✦ 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 *God's Time Is the Best* J. S. Bach

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymn 244, stanza 1 MONKLAND  
**Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**O God, you anoint us with the oil of your blessing.  
You set us apart as Christ calls us to serve. You fill us with the Spirit of righteousness. Help us to rise to the level of your trust in us, as we dedicate our gifts in response to your goodness. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN (\*\*insert) CLOSER WALK  
*\*\* Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** insert  
*\*\* The Trees of the Field* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Riogaudon* Andre Campra

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

**\*\* These hymns will appear in the new hymnal, *Glory to God***

### Worship Notes

- \* Dan Walden and Sam Hay, III, are assisting with worship 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

†Maxine Blankenship—shoulder surgery on Monday  
†Cy Wolverton—broken arm  
†Lelia Raines—knee surgery, home  
†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  
†William Lawson-chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)  
†Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
†Jackie Wood-brain tumor (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)  
†Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)  
†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, Conyers

†Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens  
†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

#### **Benton House**

†Helen and George Stamps  
†Mary Crudup  
†Doris Mote

#### **Military:**

†Savannah (Cannon) Knudson

#### **Out of the Country**

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

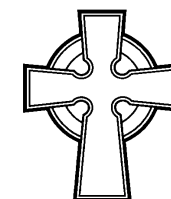
*We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Frederick Joseph LePore of Flemington, NJ, who died last week. Mr. LePore is the nephew of Joe Cannelongo, and to the family of Marjorie Rutherford, who died on September 13. The service will be tomorrow, Monday, September 17, 11:00 a.m. at Henry Funeral Home in Lithonia.*

**New Address** for Karen Laib  
20819 Wallingford Square  
Apartment 204  
Sterling, VA 20165

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean 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.*

**There will be a Congregational Meeting** today at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of electing members to the Elder Nominating Committee.



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Mid-Week Feast:** Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is: Baked chicken, fried chicken, turnip greens, dressing and gravy, mac & cheese, cornbread and rolls. 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 for adults and children age 10 or older. Children under 10 will remain \$3.

**The Wednesday Night Study Group:** On Wednesday, September 16th, Pastor Billy Wade will be giving a presentation on his trip to the Holy Land. The regular DVD study group will not be meeting this week. They will meet in the Parlor at 6:45 September 26th, after the Mid-Week Feast.

**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 insert and consider buying some new hymnals for our church. For more information check the website [www.PresbyterianHymnal.org](http://www.PresbyterianHymnal.org).

**Mission Opportunity:** On Monday, September 17, at 5:30 there will be a meeting for those planning to attend or interested in attending the mission trip to Tuscaloosa in October. Forms will be available and last minute plans will be made. Please plan to attend.

**The community of Tuscaloosa, Alabama** is still suffering from the devastating affects of the tornado which struck and destroyed much of the town. A mission trip to help Tuscaloosa rebuild is being planned for October 14-20. If you can attend for all or a portion of the week or if you want to know more about the trip please contact Patti Lanford 770 490 3660 [p.lanford@gmail.com](mailto:p.lanford@gmail.com) or Judy Davis 770 464 4025 [mitday@aol.com](mailto:mitday@aol.com)

**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 September:** boxed macaroni & cheese, Ramen noodles.

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, September 16**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting  
5:00 Youth connection  
**Tuesday, September 18**  
4:00 Exercise Class  
**Wednesday, September 19**  
4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir  
6:45 DVD Study

**Thursday, September 20**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group  
**Sunday, September 23**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

## 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.

### E-mail:

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  
Covington, Georgia 30014

### Montreat Retreat

If you have not signed up for the retreat which takes place the week-end of November 2-4, please pick up a registration form from the round table in the narthex and return it with your deposit of \$150. The room charges for the weekend are for singles or doubles: \$160.12. Adjoining rooms for families with young children are \$234.84 for the weekend; plus breakfasts. Those who have already made a deposit will have a final payment due October 28 (we will send a reminder of the balance).

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

### Nursery Volunteers today:

Gregory Family  
Nina Giles  
**Next Week:**  
Jessup Family  
Ardis family

### Ushers:

The Blair Family  
Jon & Jane Williams

### Hosts:

Agnes Campbell  
**Sound System:**  
Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

### Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Day Kennon

### Class of 2013

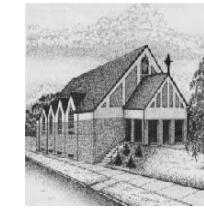
Patrick Carmichael  
Judy Davis  
Denny Dobbs  
Aubrey Evans  
Dave Gregory

### Class of 2014

Debra Arnold  
Bill Loebler  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**September 16, 2012**



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* GALILEE  
INTROIT *We Walk with God* SIZOHAMBA NAYE  
Children's Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118: 24

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

✦ HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light is Come!* FESTAL SONG

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather in Jesus' name,  
**We claim the Christ's promised presence.**  
My brothers and sisters, not out of dread or fear,  
but believing God is eager to forgive us,  
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Listen to our prayer, Lord. There are things we have done and said which we wish we could take back. We have thoughts we cannot control. We have harbored grudges. We have been consumed with thoughts of getting even. We have confused your will with our own desires. You tell us that you seek to forgive everything. Help us to believe that. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. We desperately need new chances. We need your mercy. We need your love. So, we pray in Jesus' name.**

### SOLO

Hymn 394, refrain BALM IN GILEAD  
***There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.***  
***There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 63:3-4

Hope in the Lord! For with God there is steadfast love.  
**With God is great power to redeem.**