

for not listening for your voice, for all the things we have put ahead of you in our lives. Convict us, so that your Spirit may penetrate our hearts and our minds, and bring healing and renewed discipleship, through the grace and power of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal reflection)

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love Hal Hopson
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs
Jon Paschal, Guitar

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26
John 6:25-27

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.
ORA LABORA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 487

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 interest 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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Siciliano

J.S. Bach

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 426, stanza 5)

CANONBURY

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Overwhelm us by your love, Dear God.

Transform us by your grace.

Send us into the world to live in your name.

Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 414

FOREST GREEN

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 415)

Come, Labor On
Stanza 1: Choir
Stanza 4: All

ORA LABORA

✦ POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

Worship Notes

- * The Rev. Larry Kennon is 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

†Debbie Gossage—home after shoulder surgery

†Theodosia Wade—foot surgery, home

†Bonnie Tingler—rehab in Madison

†Lelia Raines—home after knee surgery

†Claude Bennett (friend of Milton Patton)

†Carol Capell—ankle surgery, home

†Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney; stage IV cancer

†Beth Vining—home after shoulder surgery

†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)

†Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)

†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, Conyers

†Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center

†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)

New Address for Karen Laib

20819 Wallingford Square
Apartment 204
Sterling, VA 20165

Hospital Visitor:

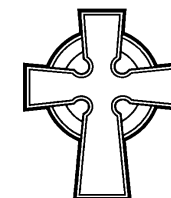
Louly Hay

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.

The computer desk located in the hallway outside the choir room is **Free** to anyone who wants it.

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

**** This hymn will appear in the new hymnal, *Glory to God***



ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is BBQ ribs, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, fried chicken 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 and use 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 5th the group studies **Joseph, the Magi, and Shepherds**, a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. No Christmas scene is complete without Mary's husband, Joseph, the Magi and the shepherds. Questions we'll consider: Was there a general census during Herod's reign? How wise were the wise men – and were they really men? The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following 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.

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 or Judy Davis 770-464-4025 mitday@aol.com
Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ*

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, Ra Mein noodles

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 2
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Tuesday, September 4
4:00 Exercise Class
Wednesday, September 5
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir
DVD Study

Thursday, September 6
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group
Sunday, September 9
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
2:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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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Montreat Family Retreat will take place November 2-4! *We need to know how many will attend ASAP.* Please pick up one of the bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex and return it with your deposit of \$150. Below are the new room charges—the quoted number is the **room total** for the weekend. Breakfast charges remain the same. Price for single & double rooms is \$160.12 for the weekend; adjoining rooms for families with young children are \$234.84 for the weekend; plus breakfasts. Those who have already made a deposit will have another payment due August 27; (we will send a notice with balance by then); the balance is due on October 28.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Trista Hooten-Young
Weesner Family

Next Week:

Arnold Family
Ann Bouchillon

Ushers:

The Blair Family
Jon & Jane Williams

Hosts:

Stephanie Fortson
Donna Weeser

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

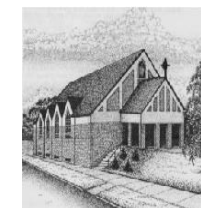
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

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	
Peni Haug	Secretary-Treasurer	Nursery	
Alan Bunn	Music Director	Krissy Jones Director of the Early Learning Center	



**Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
September 2, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Johann Pachelbel
Variations on "Duke Street" Hal H. Hopson
Lied Louis Vierne

INTROIT

Come, Labor On ORA LABORA
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants, you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care from them?

Yet, you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; You have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✠HYMN

HOLY MANNA

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for what we know we have done and also for what we do not know we have done, that has demeaned others, demeaned ourselves and separated us from you. Forgive us for speaking foolish or unkind words, and for times we have not spoken when we should have. Forgive us for things to which we have assented by our silence or by our participation in unjust systems. Forgive us for hiding from you,