

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *We Are Called* David Haas
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 READINGS Psalm 100
Revelation 4:6b-11

SERMON *Maintaining Worship* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 477 HANOVER
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* Paul Manz

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ 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 398 SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

✦ POSTLUDE *Fantasia in G Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, will assist with the worship service 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.

Family Fall Fun 12:30 - 4:00 today!

After worship we will 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.)



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
†Joe Schell-complications of diabetes (father of Krissy Jones)
†Kathryn Wallace-home
†Doug Bolton, arm surgery, home
†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
†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
†Frances Ivey

Covington Square
†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight

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

We extend our prayers and sympathy for J. L. Johnson and his family in the death of his wife, Barbara, who died last Sunday.

Hospital Visitor:
Leon Hughes



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: hot dogs, chicken nuggets, potato salad and chips. 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.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP meets at 6:45 PM In The Church Parlor After Mid-Week Feast. Upcoming studies on September 25th, October 2nd, and October 9th, will be a BBC presentation of:

ANCIENT EVIDENCE - MYSTERIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors
Joshua and the Walls of Jericho
David and Goliath

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. See the yellow flyer in the bulletin to learn more. Spread the Word!

Elder/Session Nominating Forms are inserted into this bulletin.

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, September 22 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship Service 12:30 Family Fun Day!</p> <p>Tuesday, September 24 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, September 25 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Study Group</p>	<p>Thursday, September 26 10:30 Ambassador Choir Room</p> <p>Sunday, September 29 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship 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 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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

The Ardis Family

Next Week:

The Moss Family

Ushers

Aubrey Evans

Roger Tingler

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

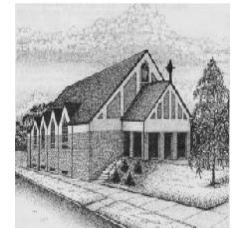
William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>	
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>		<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Krissy Jones <i>Director of the</i>	<i>Early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



*Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

September 22, 2013

Order of Worship



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Salvation Now Is Come to Earth* J. S. Bach
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Johannes Brahms

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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 122:1, Psalm 118:24
I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.!**

✦ HYMN 138 NICAEA
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you have created us out of your love, but we have not always been loving. You have given yourself fully to us, but we have turned away from you. You have sought to fill our hearts, but we have blocked the way. Forgive us. Help us to love you with all our heart, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRENTHAM
Hymn 316, stanza 1
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
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!