

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Romans 7:24-25

Who will deliver us from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM arr. Moglebust

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Handbell 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON The Rev. Callie Weber

War Within Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 426, stanza 4

CANONBURY

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows in kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

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 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE SMITH

Shout to the North  
Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE Trumpet Allemande Anthony Holborne

Please stand, if you are able.

\*\* Hymns with the \*\* will appear in the new hymnal, Glory to God. Some of them are already in the current hymnal.

Nominations for Elders

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider a slate of new elders to present to the congregation for its vote. They need your help. Please list the names of people you would like for them to consider. Drop the list in the offering plate, give to a Nominating Committee member or turn it into the church office.

Names to Consider:

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Nominating Committee: Patrick Carmichael, Aubrey Evans, Baxter Bouchillon and Pam Stillerman

Worship Notes

- \* We welcome the Rev. Callie Weber as our preacher 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—home
- †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)

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 Dennis Hooten and his family at the death of his aunt, Maggie Rainey, who died on Tuesday.

We celebrate with Sarah Elizabeth Prince and Jonathan Michael Sluder who were married on Friday, September 21.

Covington Square

- †Rita Harrell
- †Joy Knight

Hospital Visitor:

Betty Robinson

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.

Newton County Reads is celebrating Literacy Month in September and invite our friends at First Presbyterian for a "Scrabble with Friends" event this Thursday, September 27th! Join us for a fun evening at Square Perk Cafe on the Covington Square from 6-8 pm. Bring your most talented Scrabble partner for \$25 per person for the event. To register email Newton County Reads at [ncrlged@gmail.com](mailto:ncrlged@gmail.com) or call 678-342-7943. We'll have great fun & fellowship to benefit a great cause in Newton County!

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Mid-Week Feast:** Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is: homemade vegetable soup, pimento-cheese sandwiches, fried chicken and tossed salad. 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, Sept 26 the group studies **John and James, the sons of Zebedee**, a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Who are John and James? They were members of the inner circle of Twelve, they wanted the best seats in the kingdom, and they fell asleep during Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. Did "this" John write the Fourth Gospel and is he the "Beloved Disciple"? The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

### Presbyterian Women Events and Projects

Several people have asked about the best way to contribute to **Living Water for Girls**. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church Covington and mark for Living Water for Girls. After one month Peni will send a check for the total amount collected.

**The Knitting and Crocheting Group** will resume meeting on Tuesday September 25 at 2:00 pm in the youth room. We will resume our schedule of meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. This group knits prayer shawls for members of the congregation and friends of the church. They also are crocheting mats from plastic grocery bags for the homeless. Please call Linda Boyd, 770-833-4942 or e-mail her at: [linda.h.boyd@comcast.net](mailto:linda.h.boyd@comcast.net), for additional information.

**On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11**, the Presbyterian Women will host a luncheon immediately after the morning worship service to honor our veterans. If you are a veteran, 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.

**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:

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, September 23

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

#### Thursday, September 27

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

#### Tuesday, September 25

4:00 Exercise Class

#### Sunday, September 30

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

#### Wednesday, September 26

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir  
6:45 DVD Study

## 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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Church Office: [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net)

Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street

Covington, Georgia 30014

**Mission Trip Scheduled for October 14:** The deadline for joining the Tuscaloosa mission team is Sunday, September 30. If you are interested please contact Patti Lanford or Judy Davis by that date.

**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.

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

### Nursery Volunteers today:

Jessup Family  
Ardis family

### Next Week:

Moss Family  
Garvin Family

### Ushers:

The Blair Family

### Hosts:

Jonathan and Lynn Miller

### Sound System:

Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

### Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey  
Rebecca Bates  
Mac Cranford  
Judy Hooten  
Day Kennon

### Class of 2013

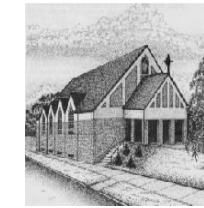
Patrick Carmichael  
Judy Davis  
Denny Dobbs  
Aubrey Evans  
Dave Gregory

### Class of 2014

Debra Arnold  
Bill Loebler  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**September 23, 2012**



## Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Paul Manz  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee Roger C. Wilson

INTROIT *Shout to the North* SMITH  
Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:1-3

Thus says the Lord, who created you, who formed you:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when  
you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord  
your God, the Holy One of Israel; your Savior."  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

✠HYMN 307 *\*\*Fight the Good Fight* DUKE STREET

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 130

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our voices.**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.

We have spoken when we should have been silent.

We have been silent when we should have spoken.

We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven.

We have ignored people in need.

We have focused on our own desires.

We have felt alienated from you and others.

Good Lord, hear us, and help us.

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

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.**