

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORY TO GOD

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Exodus 3: 1-6

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Holy Ground

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN (insert)

***Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith X.2

All things will be renewed in Christ.

In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation

God has already begun and will surely finish.

We do not know when the final day will come.

In our time we see only broken and scattered signs

that the renewal of all things is under way.

We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering

in the world, the church, or our own lives.

But we see Jesus as Lord.

As he stands at the center of our history,

we are confident he will stand at its end.

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned

and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears or pain.

All things will be made new.

The fellowship of human beings with God

and each other will be perfected.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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ANTHEM

Go and Tell John
Sanctuary Choir

Pfautsch

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Kingsbury

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 422, stanza 1

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our day.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 356

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

The Trees of the Field

✦ POSTLUDE

Matthew H. Corl

Recessional on Hymn to Joy

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

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

There will be a Congregational Meeting, if the way be clear, on Sunday, September 16, at the conclusion of the worship service for the purpose of electing members to the Elder Nominating Committee.

Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden 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

- †Cy Wolverton—broken arm
- †Debbie Gossage—home after shoulder 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; physical therapy
- †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)
- †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
- †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)

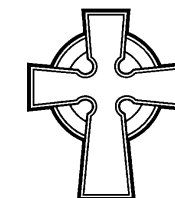
*Congratulations to **Laura Anderson and Alex Martin**, son of **Chris and Barbara Martin**, who were married here on Friday, September 7.*

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

Hospital Visitor:
Bob and Darcel Tabb

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. It will be discarded September 30, if no one claims it.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu is: chicken pot pie, fried chicken, tossed salad 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 12th, the group studies **Peter**, who is described as a headstrong Galilean fisherman, first leader of the Jerusalem church and, ultimately, according to medieval Roman Catholic teaching, the first Pope. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. 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.

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 or Judy Davis 770 464 4025 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 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

Tuesday, September 11

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 14

10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

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

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 or 2/3 the cost of the room. 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. The balance (including breakfasts) is due on October 28. You may call Peni Haug with financial questions and either Mr. Wade or Mr. Walden with other inquiries.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Arnold Family
Ann Bouchillon

Next Week:

Gregory Family
Nina Giles

Ushers:

The Blair Family
Jon & Jane Williams

Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Day Kennon

Class of 2013

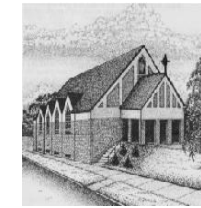
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <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>	



**Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
September 9, 2012



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God* Seth Bingham
Wondrous Love David Maxwell

INTROIT *We Wait in Hope for the Lord* Price
Children's Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90: 1-2

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

✦ HYMN 210 ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life,
we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways.
We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us.
We have lived as if you are not God, and we continue to
make a mess of our lives and the world.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust your power to change us
and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.**

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

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

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 276, refrain FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy Faithfulness!
Great is thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided:
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**