

Forgive us, God of Mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON
(Hymn 466, stanza 3)
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin and sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
According to John's gospel, after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples who were huddled in fear behind closed doors. He said to them: "Peace be with you." For generations, disciples of Jesus have offered Christ's peace to one another in worship.
The peace of Christ, be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel
from *Messiah*
Janet Carmichael, solo

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 John 20:19-23

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Locked Up

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and

release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Sicilienne* Maria von Paradis

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Hymn 229, stanza 1) LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Almighty God, help us to live as Easter people, clinging to the hope of resurrection and proclaiming the good news through all we say and do. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 539 ELLERS
Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune in D* C. S. Lang

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting in the worship service today.
- * We welcome Dr. John H. Roark as our guest organist.
- * Please stand if you are able.
- * Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| † Alice Walker—home | † Conyers |
| † Jonathan Miller's mother—surgery & rehabilitation | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center |
| † Joe Hughes (Leon Hughes brother) - heart surgery | † Hal Cline |
| † B.C. Crowell—home | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Joyce Ashworth—home | Military: |
| † Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident. | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † Mike Laib |

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Linda Boyd.

- Covington Square**
† Rita Harrell and
† Joy Knight
Nursing Homes:
† John Cannon, Merryvale
† Maymenell Bohanan - Riverside
† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor

† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens,

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 11
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Noon Session Meeting
6:00 Youth Connection

Thursday, April 15
7:15 Youth Prayer Breakfast
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Tuesday, April 13
10:00 Circle 1
4:00 Exercise Class

Sunday, April 18
9:00 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & **Memorial Garden Dedication**
6:00 Youth Connection

Wednesday, April 14
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:30 Handbell Choir
7:00 Study Group
7:15 Sanctuary Choir

Monday, April 19
"First Press" deadline

Activities in the Life of the Church

Meeting of the Session: Immediately following the worship service the Session will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Circle Meeting: Circle I, 4/13, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-3942. Call the hostess for directions or other information.

An Exercise Class is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

Mid-Week Feast: Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: salad bar, potato bar and rolls. Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation on the form in the pew rack. You may also call the church office or register from the website.

DVD Lecture Series: The Mid-Week DVD Lecture series, "The History of Christian Theology," taught by Dr. Philip Cary, takes place at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings after the Mid-Week Feast. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. This week's lecture is: "Deism and Liberal Protestantism."

Memorial Garden Dedication: There will be a dedication service for the Memorial Garden next Sunday, April 18, at the end of the morning worship service. "The Garden" is now ready for the interment of cremains.

First quarter statements of giving are available in the narthex for those who pledge. Please pick them up and check them over. If you find errors, please call Peni Haug in the church office.

Join us for First Presbyterian Church's CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL Saturday, May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

This event is open to everyone in our congregation and their extended families to exhibit their special interests. This free event will be open to anyone in our community who would like to see "who we are and the abundant talents in our Church". Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and throughout the lower hallways of the Church for your displays and demonstrations. And while this is not a "fund raiser" or a time for us to sell our products, you can certainly reserve items or take orders.

Let your families know about this exciting event that they can participate in too.

If you have not signed up to display your works or would like more information, see Bernice Bailey in the Narthex after church.

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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First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the **Care and Counseling Center of Rockdale and Newton**, a resource to help with counseling needs. Call 404-636-1457 ext. 419, for an appointment, or ask the church staff for information.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the

Nursery:

Andrea Heisel
Arnold Family

Next week:

Ardis Family
Gregory Family

Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Carol & Guy McGiboney, chairs
Sherri & Doug Bolton

Sound System:

Rick Gunter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2010

Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

Class of 2011

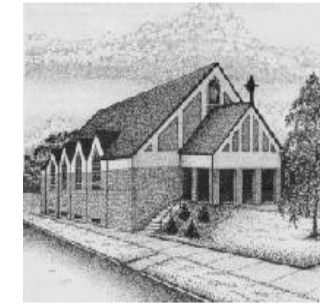
Jean Blair
Carol Dunbar
Rick Gunter
Jay Lanners
Donna Weesner

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
Rebecca Bates
Mac Cranford
Judy Hooten
Warren Liem

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

April 11, 2010
Second Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in E-flat* J. S. Bach
John Roark, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

- * CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27:13-14
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage.
Yes, wait for the Lord.

- * HYMN 119 *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)
O Christ, you suffered death on the cross for our redemption and rose again to deliver us from the power of sin and death. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; You breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Merciful Christ, we confess that despite these promises we remain captive to doubt and fear, and are bound by the ways that lead to death.

We ignore the inspirations of your Spirit. We forget that you walk alongside us; we do not respond to your commands; we do not trust your promises.