

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 3:13-22

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Be Prepared

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING (see insert)

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

LLANFAIR

Variations on Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show
Community Handbell Choir

- * CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 369, stanza 1 African-American Spiritual
***I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere Lord, anytime!***
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- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Help us, Lord, to live our lives in gratitude,
raising our voices in thanksgiving to you, and lifting
our hands in service to your people, by the power
and perseverance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 508, stanza 1 KINGDOM
***For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

*Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies
God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup
together after all are served. This signifies God's presence
to the Church.*

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

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE
WORD INTO THE WORLD**

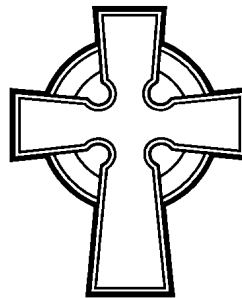
- * HYMN 508, stanza 4 KINGDOM
***In Your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and word;
in the world to which You send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- * PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE *Vivace* Felix Mendelssohn

Ryan Elizabeth Henderson, child of Courtney and Eric Henderson, grandchild of Frank and Barbara Luton, will be baptized this morning.



**Join Us For a Cool--Cool--Cool Swim Party
and Picnic today at
Louly & Sam Hay's Home, 3184 Clark Street
Swimming and Fellowship Begins
at 4:00PM - Dinner Served at 6:00PM
We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and buns, paper
products, ice, tea, lemonade and tons of cookies!
You bring side dishes to share, a chair to relax in,
and your swimsuits.
Come and Bring Friends**

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Billy Wade, Lauren Slingerland, Louly Hay and Dan Walden are leading worship today.
- * 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.

We welcome to our worship service this morning the following members of the Community Handbell Ringers: Carol Dunbar, Bertie Ann Hardy, JoAnn Holcombe, Beverly Jackson, Nancy Cook, Alice Walker, and Jean Wolverton. Other participants in the group are Day Kennon, Becky Ramsey, and Betty McFadden. The Community Handbell Ringers are a newly formed ecumenical group of handbell ringers who perform at churches and retirement homes in the larger community. Co-Directors of the group are Beverly Jackson and Alice Walker.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Billy Wade's sister, Frances Crozier, surgery † Ken Walker, cataract surgery, 8/19 † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care. † Jackie Barboe—home † Doug Houck's sister—home recovering from surgery † Charles Ardis—home † Becky Ramsey, sister of Alice Walker—radiotherapy, home † Danny Vining - chemotherapy † Courteney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | <p>Nursing Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † John Cannon, Merryvale † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center † Hal Cline † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville <p>Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † David and Savannah Rickert † Mike Laib † John Rossi † Renee Boston |
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The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.

Covington Square

- † Rita Harrell
- † Joy Knight

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| <p>Sunday, August 15
 Rally Day
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service, Communion and Baptism
 Congregational Meeting
 4:00 Swim Party
 6:00 Picnic</p> <p>Monday, August 16
 9:00 Early Learning Center
 Classes begin</p> | <p>Tuesday, August 17
 4:00 Exercise Class</p> <p>Wednesday, August 18
 4:00 Adventure Club
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, August 19
 10:30 Ambassador Choir
 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>Sunday, August 22
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School</p> |
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Activities in the Life of the Church

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

Prayer Requests may be made by filling out the yellow cards in the pew racks and placing them in the offering plate or in the box on the table in the narthex. The Prayer Group meets every **Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon** in the Parlor. You are invited to join us.

The Music Program at First Presbyterian Church consists of various choral and handbell groups that contribute musical offerings to the glory of God during weekly worship services as well as other local churches and venues. If you would like to speak with someone about participating in one of the FPC musical ensembles, please contact Alan Bunn, music director at 770.891.0235 or at abunn@jackson.k12.ga.us or Alice Walker at 770.789.3651 or at awalker.organist@gmail.com.

Children's Choir Sundays. 9:30 – 10:00, Choir Room

Handbell Choir Sundays 9:00 – 9:55, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Choir Room

Ambassador Choir Thursdays. 10:30 – 11:15, Choir Room

Fall DVD Lecture Series to Resume Wednesday, September 1

The Fall DVD Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, September 1, after the Mid-Week Feast. This year's series will focus on five of the World's Great Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. A different professor will present on each of the five religions.

Last year, our group averaged 12-15 in attendance at the series, "The History of Christian Theology," and our goal for this year is to average 20-25 people every week.

The lectures will begin promptly at 6:45, so that there will be time for Choir members to see the lectures and participate in some of the discussion afterward, if they desire.

Our denomination has always emphasized the importance of education, and these lectures present a great opportunity for lifelong learning and being a good Presbyterian.

The Community Food Pantry cupboards are bare of everything except peanut butter and jelly. Bring your donations of non-perishable food to church and it will be delivered to the pantry. Cash donations are also accepted. Checks may be made to FPC and noted for "Food Pantry."

Grace Ottley has a new phone number: 678-712-9405 and now has email: hisgraceprayer@gmail.com.

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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Reserve Your Space for the Montreat Retreat

We are now taking reservations for the **Montreat Retreat** which will be held November 5-7. Use the green forms found in the narthex or register on our website. Fill out the form and attach your deposit check to it, then turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. The **next installment (1/2 of the balance) is due by August 22**, and the final payment will be due on October 24.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Gregory Family
Ardis Family

Next week:
Jessup Family
Shawn Loftin

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Cy & Jean Wolverton
Theodosia Wade
Leon Hughes

Sound System:

Ken Walker

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

Pastor

Parish Associate

Dan Walden
Peni Haug

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Alan Bunn
Alice Walker

Secretary-Treasurer

Music Director

CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Deana Graham
Lauren Slingerland

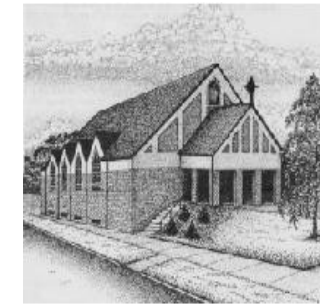
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

August 15, 2010

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty David Lowe
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Robert Graham
Alice Walker, organ
Somebody's Knocking at My Door Rogers
Community Handbell Ringers

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24
This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* HYMN 464 HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Guide My Feet* Traditional Spiritual
Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir
Thanks Be to God BEDFORD
Children's 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ryan Elizabeth Henderson

* HYMN 498 KINGDOM
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION