

* GLORIA PATRI GLORIA PATRI
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
 The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Canon of Praise* Sleeth
 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 90
Galatians 4:3-5

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Counting Our Days

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 275 *God of Our Life* SANDON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
 from "A Brief Statement of Faith"
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Beautiful Savior* David Cherwien

* 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

Giving God, give us strength and hope that our lives might in turn witness faithfully to who you are and all that you have done, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

• HYMN 260 EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *LOBT GOTT IN SEINEM HEILIGTUM*
Lord, You have Been Our Dwelling Place

* POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso* Henry Purcell

THE RALEIGH RINGERS IN CONCERT
 ROSWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010
 7:30 PM

The Raleigh Ringers are internationally recognized as one of the most outstanding handbell ringing groups in the world today. First Presbyterian Church will be taking a van of Handbell Ringers to this concert, leaving about 4:30 p.m. We will have dinner at a restaurant along Roswell Road prior to the concert. We will need to know how many would like to go, so please call the church office, 770-786-7321 or e-mail penihaug@bellsouth.net and register with Peni Haug, by Wednesday, August 25.

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is helping to lead 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.

"A Brief Statement of Faith" is one of the eleven confessional statements in our *Book of Confessions*. It is the most recent statement of faith written by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having been written in 1983 after the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| † Billy Wade's sister, Frances Crozier, home | Nursing Homes: |
| † Ken Walker—home | † John Cannon, Merryvale |
| † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care. | † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor |
| † Jackie Barboe—home | † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers |
| † Doug Houck's sister—home recovering from surgery | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center |
| † Charles Ardis—home | † Hal Cline |
| † Becky Ramsey, sister of Alice Walker—radiotherapy, home | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Danny Vining - chemotherapy | |
| † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida | Military: |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| | † Mike Laib |
| | † John Rossi |
| | † Renee Boston |
- Covington Square**
 † Rita Harrell
 † Joy Knight
- The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Cy Wolverton.*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| Sunday, August 22
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service | Thursday, August 26
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group
7:30 The Fifth Wheel (PW) |
| Tuesday, August 24
4:00 Exercise Class | Saturday, August 28
4:30 "Releigh Ringers" trip |
| Wednesday, August 25
4:00 Adventure Club
7:00 Sanctuary Choir | Sunday, August 29
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Parents'/Youth Meeting begins with supper in the Fellowship Hall |

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.

A New DVD Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, September 1, after the Mid-Week Feast at 6:45 p.m. 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. Join the class and the lively discussion which follows each lecture.

Next Sunday, August 29, at 2:00 p.m., WXIA-TV will air the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** Katrina Documentary. **David Barnhart** (Staff, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) filmed and produced this important documentary. David is a graduate of McCormick Seminary and is a member of St. Andrews Church.



Women of the church are hereby cordially invited to attend the **Kick-Off Circle Meeting** next **Thursday, August 26th at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of Angie Houck. This will mark the first official meeting with our Circle named "The 5th Wheel" (because we are the 5th women's circle at First Presbyterian Church in Covington).

Mrs. Jean Wolverton will come and explain to us what our meetings should be based on as we move forward with our studies of the Bible and how we each represent Presbyterian Women not just in our Church but in our Community.

Our regular meetings in the future will be held on the last Thursday of each month. Please mark your calendars for each of these get-togethers. We typically meet at someone's home or at a local restaurant in town. We meet at 7:30 p.m. so that each of us can get home from our jobs, prepare a meal or have dinner with our families, and get little ones to bed if needed. If you would like, please bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share (if you have not eaten dinner or just want to snack while we worship). Bring a Bible if you have one, and an open mind to learning new things.

News about other Circles can be found on the insert in today's bulletin.

"Suggestions for Session Nominees" form is also on the insert today.

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

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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. If you are registering now, please arrange with Peni the amount you owe at this time (It will be half of the total of rooms and breakfasts + tax.)

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Jessup Family
Shawn Loftin

Next week:
Moss Family

Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Cy & Jean Wolverton
Theodosia Wade

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

William B. Wade, Jr.
Louly Fowler Hay

Pastor

Parish Associate

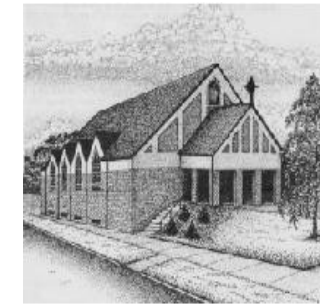
Dan Walden
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker
CAGO, AAGO
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato
Nursery

Deana Graham
Director of the Early Learning Center



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

August 22, 2010

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices* Paul Manz

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God David Cherwien

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound Robert Hebble

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG
Sanctuary 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 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived as though you are the center of our lives. We often have been focused on ourselves and things of little consequence or importance. We have spent too many days holding grudges and contemplating retaliation. We have spoken when we should have been quiet, and been quiet when we should have spoken. We have worried about things we cannot control, and fretted anxiously over what tomorrow might bring. We have misplaced our priorities, and neglected our gifts. We have not trusted ourselves fully to you. Forgive us, and breathe your renewing Spirit into our lives; for we pray in Christ's dear name.

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS