

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. FLAVIAN  
Hymn 81, stanza 2  
**As Thou with Satan didst contend,  
And didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in Thee to fight,  
In Thee to conquer sin.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of the Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## 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 Isaiah 43:14-21

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Through the Wilderness*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Stand at the Threshold* J. S. Bach

\* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we are your people. We live by your grace. We rely on your guidance along our life's journey and depend on your strength beyond our own. We are grateful for your gifts. Help us to use them wisely, graciously, courageously and faithfully, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

## 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 to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ANTHEM *A Lenten Walk* arr. Hopson  
Sanctuary Choir  
Melissa Daniell, obbligato Carol Dunbar, handbell

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by Himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves. Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; He had to bear it by Himself. Oh, nobody else could bear it for Him; He had to bear it by Himself. We must take our cross and follow; yes, we must take it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can follow for us; we have to follow by ourselves.

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 275 SANDON  
*God of Our Life*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE ERHALT UNS, HERR  
*The Glory of These Forty Days*  
Sanctuary Choir

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is assisting with 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.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| † John Annese—Barbara Martin's father, hospice care,                   | † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers                                       |
| † Dennis Hooten—back surgery   | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center                            |
| † Joyce Ashworth—Emory Orthopedic and Spine Hospital                   | † Hal Cline   |
| † Bill Arrington—friend of Michael Duttweiler has cancer               | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident.                     | <b>Military:</b>  |
| † Beth Vining—broken foot  | † David and Savannah Rickert  |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † Mike Laib   |
| † Jonathan Paschal— surgery 2/24 at Rockdale Medical Ctr.              |   |

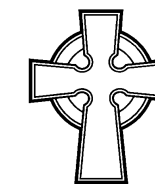
*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ruth McDaniel.*

### Covington Square

- † Rita Harrell and
- † Joy Knight

### Nursing Homes:

- † Maymenell Bohanan - Riverside
- † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor



## FaithWorks Sing-A-Song of Love

This church was one of 6 churches in our community to found the FaithWorks Ministry. Now, over 30 churches are involved and we have given out over half a million dollars over the past 4 years. To help us raise money for the increasing need in our community, FaithWorks is having a Sing-a-Song of Love event at The Church at Covington on Friday, February 26, 2010, from 7-9 p.m. Music will be performed by local artists and choirs, including the combined First Presbyterian and First Methodist Choirs. A sack supper (Chick-fil-A) will be available for \$5 between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy music, support the choir and participate in our ministry together.

**An Invitation:** You are invited to join the Jubilee Sunday School Class in exploring the life and theology of the Apostle Paul. We will be comparing and contrasting N. T. Wright's book, *Paul in Fresh Perspective* and Marcus Borg's *The First Paul*. Please come and join us each Sunday at 9:45 in the Jubilee Classroom. For more information call Judy Davis 770 464 4025 or Linda Boyd 770 787 3350.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, February 21

9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion  
 6:00 Youth Connection

### Tuesday, February 23

4:00 Exercise Class

### Wednesday, February 24

4:00 Adventure Club  
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
 6:30 Handbell Choir  
 6:45 Study Group  
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, February 25

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

### Friday, February 26

5:15 Ambassador Choir meets at Church to sing at **Sing-A-Song of Love**  
 7:00 **Benefit for FaithWorks**

### Sunday, February 28

9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 6:00 Youth Connection

## *Activities in the Life of the Church*

**Black History Exhibit** Today there will be an exhibit in the Narthex entitled Living African Americans by Agnes Campbell. Please stop by and visit.

**An Exercise Class** is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. 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: Guy's baked ham, broccoli casserole, cranberry crunch salad, baked sweet potatoes and jalapeno cornbread. 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: "Anabaptists and the Radical Reformation."

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Facilities Team has decided to set thermostats at a constant 68° to 70° in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and education wing. The team believes this will result in a more comfortable environment and save energy in the long run. We ask everyone's cooperation during a 30-day trial period, during which we will evaluate the results. Feedback will be welcomed. Refer to the next issue of First Press for "A Tale of Thermostats and Bears."

### 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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**Social Circle Theatre Musical** Members of the congregation have another opportunity to join together for fellowship and fun on Sunday, March 21. Social Circle Theatre is offering the Cotton Patch Gospel musical by Tom Key. We can go in a group for the cost of \$10 (we must have 10 or more for this rate) AND Blue Willow Restaurant will give us a 20% discount with our show ticket. Dinner reservations will be for 1:00 pm with the show starting at 3:00 pm. The cost of \$10 will have to be paid in advance for us to obtain the discounted tickets. Sign up in the narthex or call Warren & Jeanie Liem at 770-787-7530.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:**

Jessup Family  
 Stephanie Scarborough

**Next week:**  
 Moss Family  
 Digby-McCarthy Family

**Host:**

Agnes Campbell

**Ushers:**

Rick Gunter  
 Roger & Tootles Tingler

**Sound System:**

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

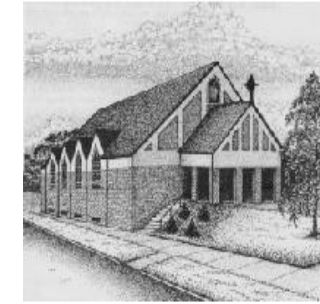
**Class of 2010**  
 Stephanie Fortson  
 Ruth McDaniel  
 Jonathan Miller  
 Pam Stillerman  
 Gene Wallace

**Class of 2011**  
 Jean Blair  
 Carol Dunbar  
 Rick Gunter  
 Jay Lanners  
 Donna Weesner

**Class of 2011**  
 Bernice Bailey  
 Rebecca Bates  
 Mac Cranford  
 Judy Hooten  
 Warren Liem

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

February 21, 2010  
 First Sunday in Lent

### Order of Worship

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Chorale on *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Carl Parrish

INTROIT ERHALT UNS, HERR

*The Glory of These Forty Days*  
 Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my rock, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

**My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;  
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

\* HYMN 457 TOULON

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who makes all things new,  
 you send us rivers in the desert,  
 and bounty in the midst of famine.  
 Yet we do not trust you with our whole hearts;  
 we do not look to you with a single eye;  
 we do not follow you with all our strength.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**Give us a new heart, that we would rest in your love, and enjoy your goodness, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Empower us by your Spirit,  
 that in all things we would offer glad witness to the good news of your reign.