

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #47 DETROIT
**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us,
 Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to
 live the words we say.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #47 DETROIT
**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid
 resentment cease. Then, bound to all in bonds of
 love, our lives will spread your peace.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light* Craig Courtney
 Sanctuary Choir

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
 Though evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me,
 they stumble and fall. The Lord is my light and my
 salvation; Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?
 Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me,
 my heart will not fear. One thing I ask; one thing I seek of the
 Lord: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
 my life, To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him
 in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His
 dwelling; And He will set me high upon a rock. Then shall my
 head be exalted above my enemies round about me; I will sac-
 rifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the
 Lord. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear,
 of whom shall I be afraid?*

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 Psalm 48
 I Thessalonians 1

SERMON The Rev. Dr. John Kelsay
Cities of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 344 SURSUM CORDA
Christ of the Upward Way

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *If You But Trust in God* George Newmark

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all
 that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for
 your goodness that has created us, your grace that
 has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected
 us, your patience that has borne with us, and your
 love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and
 to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and
 delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen**

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

* HYMN 446 AUSTRIAN HYMN
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

* POSTLUDE *Vivace* (Grand Concerto no. 2) G. F. Handel

We welcome the Rev. Dr. John Kelsay to the pulpit today. Dr. Kelsay is Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida State University, Richard L. Rubenstein Professor of Religion, and Bristol Distinguished Professor of Ethics. His most recent book is *Arguing the Just War in Islam*. This week he is speaking at Oxford College as part of the Pierce Institute. You are invited to a presentation and discussion in Tarbutton Theater tomorrow night, (Monday) at 7:00 p.m.

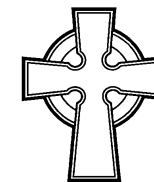
WORSHIP NOTES

- * 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. | Military: |
| † Beth Vining—broken foot | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † Mike Laib |
| † Jonathan Paschal— recovering from surgery at Rockdale Medical Center. | |

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Betty Robinson.



- Covington Square**
- † Rita Harrell and Joy Knight
- Nursing Homes:**
- † Maymenell Bohanan – Riverside
 - † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will be available to place in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone. The price is \$8.00 and these may be taken home after the Easter service. Please fill out the form below, tear off, and place in the offering plate with a check or drop it off by the office by March 16th.

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please use first and last names for any person being remembered (not Mr., Mrs., etc.)

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 2

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 7

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 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.

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: barbecue sandwiches, baked beans and salad bar. 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: "Anglicans and Puritans."

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:

Moss Family
 Digby-McCarthy Family

Next week:

Bates Family
 Skaggs Family

Hosts:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Ushers:

Rick Gunter
 Roger & Tootles Tingler

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

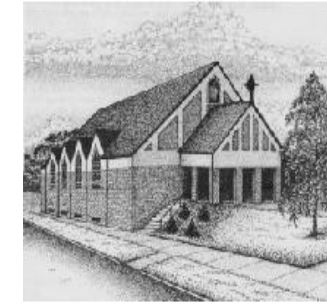
Class of 2010
 Stephanie Fortson
 Ruth McDaniel
 Jonathan Miller
 Pam Stillerman
 Gene Wallace

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. Louly Fowler Hay	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Parish Associate Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Deana Graham	<i>Nursery 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 28, 2010
 Second Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Out of the Deepest Woe I Cry to You* Max Reger
Just As I Am, Without One Plea Timothy Albrecht
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Robert Graham

INTROIT *The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS, HERR
 Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:1-3

Thus says the Lord, who created you, who formed you:
 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
 When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel;
 your Savior."

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

* HYMN 376 HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, against you we have sinned. We have lived our lives in selfishness and distanced ourselves from you. We have forsaken our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your mercy, O God, according to your great compassion, wash away our transgressions and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.