

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356 (stanza 1)
Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Mary Gifts, One Spirit Pote
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

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104

SERMON The Rev. Alan Jenkins
Water, Life, and The Lord's Glory

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN 473 DIX
For the Beauty of the Earth

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
A Brief Statement of Faith 10.3

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from
our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and

ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and
threaten death to the planet entrusted to our
care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem
creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a
Covenant people to bless all families of the
earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the
covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing
child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal
home,
God is faithful still.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Shall We Gather at the River? John Carter

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, move in our hearts that our eyes
may be opened to the wonder and beauty of
your good creation. Make us true stewards of
this earth, until Christ comes again to reconcile
all things through his grace and power; for we
pray in his precious name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE
WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 267 ROYAL OAK
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE RUSTINGTON
Out of Deep, Unordered Water

* POSTLUDE Timothy Albrecht
All Glory Be to God on High

WORSHIP NOTES

- The Rev. Alan Jenkins is founder of Earth Covenant Ministry and Parish Associate of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur. ECM is an outreach ministry to congregations of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, assisting churches in their efforts to care for God's creation. ECM current project, River of Life, focuses on water conservation and advocacy - from water wars to wells of wisdom! More information available in fellowship hall, sign up for our occasional e-notes, or simply go to www.earthcovenantministry.org.
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

- Sarah Hooten - hospice
John Roark - hip replacement
Beth Vining - broken foot
Janet Burtt - home after surgery
Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
Jonathan Paschal - chemotherapy
Danny Vining - radiation therapy
Covington Square
Rita Harrell and Joy Knight
Nursing Homes:
Maymenell Bohanan - Riverside
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
Military:
David and Savannah Rickert
Mike Laib
The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ann Bouchillon.

Year End statements of giving for all who pledged and gave to the church during 2009 are ready to be picked up. They are in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking yours with you saves on postage and makes us good stewards of your gifts. Thanks for your generosity.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, January 17

9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 3:00 King Day Celebration
 at Porter Auditorium
 6:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, January 19

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, January 20

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

Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

10:30 Church Tour in Atlanta

Sunday, January 24

9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 Congregational Meeting

Activities in the Life of the Church

The annual community King Day Celebration will be held at the Porter Auditorium, Newton High School, today, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Stanley Pritchett, President of Morris Brown College will be speaking. Members of various churches will be singing with the King Choir. There will be the presentation of the "I Have a Dream Award." Members of our youth group will be ushering. Come join the community in this important event.

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: barbeque sandwiches, fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, potato chips, tossed salad. 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: "Luther and Protestant Theology."

New Members Received by Session:

Debbie and Roger Gossage, Barbara and Frank Luton, and Kevin Weber (wife, Callie and daughter, Molly).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the morning worship service next Sunday, January 24, for the purpose of hearing the budget and acting on changes in the call to the minister.

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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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH TOUR

The Field Trip to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Decatur, sponsored by the Wednesday Evening DVD Lecture Study Group, will be Friday, January 22. The group will depart FPC at 10:30 a.m. Lunch in Atlanta will precede the tour.

Transportation will be furnished utilizing the FPC van and members' private cars. Don't miss out on a fun day filled with good food, education and fellowship. More than 20 people have signed up. You may sign yourself up on the sheet in the Narthex following today's service or in the Church Office this week.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Hawley Family
Weesner Family

Next week:

Laib Family
Ann Bouchillon

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

The Dobbs Family, Chair

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
Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Aubrey Evans & Maria Serrato

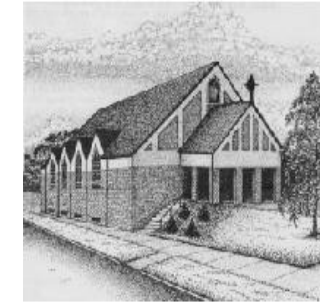
Nursery

Deana Graham

Director of the Early Learning Center

Elizabeth Daniell

Student Intern



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

January 17, 2010

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Allegro (from Concerto in D)* Samuel Wesley
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord John Innes

INTROIT *Out of Deep, Unordered Water* RUSTINGTON
 Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP

By your power, waters gushed forth in creation, nourishing life in all forms.

We seek your waters to cleanse us, to heal us, to refresh us, O Holy God.

By your grace, waters gushed forth from the rock of Horeb to quench the mightiest thirst.

We seek your waters to cleanse us, to heal us, to refresh us, O Holy God.

By your love, you offer the gift of Living Water for all who come to the well.

For the gift of water that restores all of creation, we eternally sing your praise!

* HYMN 469

BUNESSAN

Morning has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come to you in our brokenness, seeking forgiveness for our sinful ways. We confess that we live without intention to care for your creation. We live without attention to the harmful ways we consume earth's resources. We live without concern for the ways our actions inhibit the prosperity of our neighbors of all species. Change our direction, Creator God. Create within us a new spirit, cleansing us of all unrighteousness. Return us to your ways of justice and love for all of creation, both human and non-human. Open our mouths to proclaim praise and thanksgiving for the gift of your Living Water that restores us to right relationship with you and your glorious creation. In your holy name we pray, Amen.