

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- * CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Coming Home* Joseph Martin
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

I've wandered far away from God; now I am coming home. The paths of sin too long I've trod; Lord, I am coming home. I've wasted many precious years, but now I'm coming home; I now repent with bitter tears; Lord, I am coming home, Coming home, Lord, never more to roam; Open wide your arms, your arms of love, Lord, I am coming home. My heart is sick; my heart is sore. Now I am coming home. My strength renew; my hope restore; now I am coming home.

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 Tom Stillerman

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16
John 20:19-31

SERMON Dr. John Griffith
Fear and Grace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

- * HYMN 76 LOVE UNKNOWN
My Song Is Love Unknown
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1 and 10.5
**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.**

**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.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Were You There?* Sam Batt Owens

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

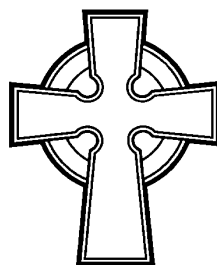
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * HYMN 379 SOLID ROCK
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- * CHORAL RESPONSE CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

- * POSTLUDE *Rondo* Joseph Mouret



WORSHIP NOTES

- * Assisting in the worship service today are: Tom Stillerman, Bill Loeble and Dan Walden.
- * We welcome to our service 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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| † Joe Hughes (Leon Hughes brother) - heart surgery | † Hal Cline |
| † B.C. Crowell—home | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| † Joyce Ashworth—home | Military: |
| † Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident. | † David and Savannah Rickert |
| † Beth Vining—broken foot | † Mike Laib |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | <i>Celebrate with the Patrick Family as they celebrate with their mother, Jerry Patrick, on the occasion of her 95th birthday!</i> |
| † Jonathan Paschal— home | |
| Covington Square | |
| † Rita Harrell and | <i>We extend our sympathy and prayers for Dennis Hooten and family in the death of Dennis' uncle, Bill Rainey.</i> |
| † Joy Knight | |
| Nursing Homes: | |
| † John Cannon, Merryvale | <i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Cy Wolverton.</i> |
| † Maymenell Bohanan - Riverside Manor | |
| † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor | |
| † Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers | |
| † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center | |

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE DAY

Dr. John Griffith is our guest preacher today. Dr. Griffith is President of Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina and a friend of a number of people in this congregation. There will be a lunch in the fellowship hall after worship for PC alumni and prospective students. Former PC students from our congregation are:

Janie Bollinger	Sallie Garrison Paschal
Lisa Boyd	Sarah Prince
Caroline Dunbar	Tom Stillerman
Adriane Ivey-Hawley	Billy Wade
Brad Hawley	Graham Wade
Walker Jordan	Theodosia Wade
Luci Borders Leach	

Bill Loeble (currently serves on Board of Trustees)
E. G. Lassiter, Jr. (currently serves on Board of Trustees)
John Hinkle (former FPC Student Intern Pastor)
Virginia Pribbenow (former FPC Christian Education Intern)

Other connections:

Bill Moncrief (former PC Dean)
Pat Patrick (currently serving on PC Board of Trustees)

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 21

9:30 Children's Choir
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 PC "Connection" Lunch
 6:00 Youth Connection

Thursday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 23

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 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

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: spaghetti meat sauce over spaghetti noodles, green salad with poppy seed dressing, home baked bread. 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: "From Puritans to Revivalists."

Dr. John Griffith, President of Presbyterian College will be preaching. He will be eating lunch in the fellowship hall after worship, with former and prospective students.

Plans are underway for our church to host **lunch each day of Holy week**. Please indicate the day(s) and number of people we might expect from your family.

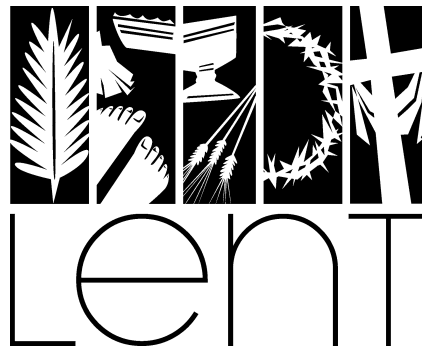
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**WELCOME TO
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

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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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:

Weesner Family
 Hawley Family

Next week:
 Ann Bouchillon
 Laib Family

Hosts:

Agnes Campbell

Ushers:

Bernice and Betty Bailey

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

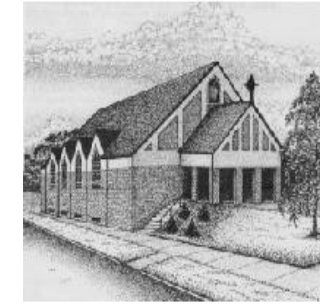
Class of 2010
 Stephanie Fortson
 Ruth McDaniel
 Jonathan Miller
 Pam Stillerman
 Gene Wallace

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	<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

March 21, 2010
 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Andante Maestoso* from "Water Music"
 G. F. Handel
A Lenten Medley Gayden Sikes

INTROIT *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:11
 You show us the path of life, O God.
In your presence there is fullness of joy.
 In your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

* HYMN 457 TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we continue to make a mess of our lives and the world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn 394

(Congregation sings refrain after each solo stanza)
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.