

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to know.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

I gave you a fractional part that I might not get involved.

God, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to do so, only in places where it is safe to do so.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE arr. Marty Haugen

Shepherd Me, O God
(Solo, Choir, then All)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:10-11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of God's Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have received our reconciliation.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ALLELUIA NO. 1

Hymn 106, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Raney
Ambassador, Sanctuary, and Handbell Choirs

Let us sing to the Lord a new song, filled with joy and endless praise; to our maker God, and King, a song of love and grace. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace. Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy; My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name. Let us sing to the Lord a new song!

A MOMENT 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 LESSON

Acts 9:1-22

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

The Damascus Road Experience

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 356

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

p. 14 in front of hymnal

A WORD FOR MISSION

Louly Fowler Hay

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Andante in E-flat*

W. A. Mozart

* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, you choose us and bring us to your self. Glad praises we sing. Glad tributes we bring. All that we have are gifts of your graciousness. We are stewards of your mercy, called to serve. Accept these offerings as signs of our faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

• CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

• CHORAL RESPONSE

Come Make a Joyful Noise

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* POSTLUDE

Rigadoun

Andre Campra

WORSHIP NOTES

- * Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with the worship service today.
- * We welcome Dr. John H. Roark as our guest organist.
- * We also welcome our guests who sing regularly with the Ambassador Choir and our guest handbell ringers from First Baptist Church, Bertie Ann Hardy and Jean Burton.
- * 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

- † Maymenell Bohanan—Riverside, hospice care
 - † Abigail Venham—home
 - † Frances Ivey—sprained ankle
 - † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida
 - † Alice Walker—home
 - † B.C. Crowell—home
 - † Don & Carol Adams—recovering from auto accident.
 - † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant
- Covington Square**
- † Rita Harrell and
 - † Joy Knight
- Nursing Homes:**
- † John Cannon, Merryvale
 - † 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

We celebrate with Sarah and Frank Davis on the birth of their 14th great grandchild, Ben Everett Koorse, born April 26th. Ben's parents are Jesse and Shana Koorse of Locust Grove.

The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Louly Hay.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 4

- 10:00 Circle 1 & 2
- 10:30 Circle 4
- 7:00 Circle 3
- 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 5

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

Thursday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 9

- Mother's Day Offering
- 9:30 Children's Choir
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service Senior Sunday

Activities in the Life of the Church

The Session will meet today in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

An Exercise Class is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All adults are invited to participate.

Presbyterian Women's Circles Meet:

Circle I, 5/4, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Bouchillon, 770-786-3942

Circle II, 5/4, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Frances Ivey, 770-787-8158

Circle III, 5/4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Hooten, 770-786-6640

Circle IV, 5/4 10:30 a.m. at the home of Jeanie Liem, 770-787-7530

Mid-Week Feast: Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: hamburger patties with gravy, creamed potatoes, turnip greens, corn-bread and rolls. 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: www.fpccov.org.

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: "Protestantism after Modernity."

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.

Special Offering for Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 9, our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian Churches in Georgia to support the Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help provide exceptional care and services to frail and elderly residents who have outlived their financial means. In 60 years of ministry, Presbyterian Homes spent approximately \$4 million last year in benevolent care at its four communities. This year, due to the difficult economy, the need is expected to be higher still. Remember to bring your offering on Mother's Day and please give generously. Envelopes are provided. If you put cash in an envelope, please label the envelope.

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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Make plans to attend the 7th annual **Montreat Bistro** on **Saturday, May 15th**. Join us for a dining experience beyond compare as the Martin Fellowship Hall is transformed into a cozy bistro in the French Quarter.

*** Reservations are **REQUIRED** for this event. ***
To make a reservation, please contact Dan Walden at 770-786-7321, or via e-mail: djwalden@mac.com

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the

Nursery:

Skaggs Family
Moss Family

Next week:

Luton Family
Bates Family

Hosts:

Jerry Gunter

Ushers:

Carol & Ellis Dunbar, chair
Karen Laib & Kevin Bates

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

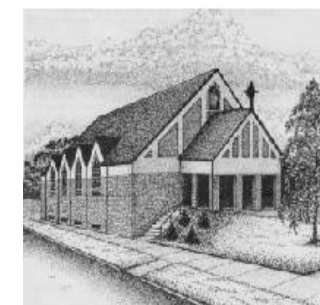
Class of 2010
Stephanie Fortson
Ruth McDaniel
Jonathan Miller
Pam Stillerman
Gene Wallace

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 Peni Haug	<i>Parish Associate</i> <i>Director of Youth</i> <i>and Children's Ministry</i>	Deana Graham Elizabeth Daniell	<i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the</i> <i>Early Learning Center</i> <i>Student Intern</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

May 2, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Adagio in A Minor* J. S. Bach
John Roark, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *Come, Make a Joyful Noise* PARKS
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We rejoice, O God, that you call us to this place to sing your praise and offer our lives.

**For you have searched for us and found us;
you rejoice in our salvation.**

You strengthen us and call us to serve.

**By your grace you invite us to love as we have
been loved.**

To you be all glory and honor for ever and ever!
Amen.

* HYMN 482 LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION Romans 5:6-8

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

**Why, one will hardly die for a righteous person -
though perhaps for a good person one will dare
even to die.**

But God's love for us is shown in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you asked for my hands that you could use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment and then
withdrew, for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be
accused.**