

KYRIE (sing twice)



Je - sus Christ, Son of God, have mer - cy up - on us.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God forgives us. Christ renews us.  
The Holy Spirit enables us to grow in love.

**We take into our daily lives signs of hope and healing.**

\* *GLORIA PATRI* Hymn 579  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Head  
Dan Walden, solo

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 READINGS Psalm 121  
Luke 11:1-4  
Romans 8:26-27

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Why Pray?*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 326 MORECAMBE  
*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*A Declaration of Faith IX.3*  
**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.**  
**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.**  
**He joined others in God's claim on his life above all else.**  
**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**  
**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**  
**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.**  
**Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS  
Hymn 276  
Choir: stanza 1  
**All: refrain**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living* Lois R. Hill

\* DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we seek to live more fully in your presence. Open our hearts to your Word, and move us closer to you and to your will for us as your church; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 376 HYFRYDOL  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE John Bell  
*For Thine is the Kingdom*

\* POSTLUDE *Now Jesus Christ, the Son of God* J. S. Bach

Lord Jesus, Thou knowest the things that are trembling upon our lips, stirring in our hearts and along the corridors of our souls, walking on tiptoe across the cloistered spaces of our consciousness, conforming to the distant pealing of an angelus, looking expectantly upwards, making prayers without words, breathing aspirations that have only wings. Hear us, we pray Thee, as we call upon Thee for help, for strength, for peace; for grace, for

reassurance, for companionship; for love, for pardon, for health, for salvation—for joy. Hear us, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall  
Chaplin, U. S. Senate 1947-1949  
Pastor, First Presbyterian, Covington, GA 1930-1933

**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is helping to lead 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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| † Billy Wade's sister, Frances Crozier, home                           | † Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor   |
| † Diane Loeble-to have surgery   | † Hal and Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers   |
| † Jeannie Liem-Rockdale Hospital                                       | † Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center  |
| † Ken Walker—home  | † Hal Cline   |
| † Paul DeConinck—home hospice care.                                    | † Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville   |
| † Doug Houck's sister—home recovering from surgery                     | <b>Military:</b>  |
| † Charles Ardis—home   | † David and Savannah Rickert  |
| † Danny Vining - chemotherapy  | † Mike Laib   |
| † Courtney LeCroix Hoover—needs double lung transplant, Florida        | † John Rossi  |
| † Jo Ellen Kimball, cousin of Charlotte Epps, awaiting lung transplant | † Renee Boston  |
| <b>Covington Square</b>  | <i>We celebrate with Doug and Sherri Bolton on the birth of a grandson, Brock Zachary Williams, third son of Staci and Greg Williams.</i> |
| † Rita Harrell   | <i>The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Ann Bouchillon.</i>  |
| † Joy Knight   |   |
| <b>Nursing Homes:</b>  |   |
| † John Cannon, Merryvale   |   |

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

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| <b>Sunday, September 5</b><br>9:00 Handbell Choir<br>9:30 Children's Choir<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service | <b>Wednesday, September 8</b><br>4:00 Adventure Club<br>6:00 Mid-week Feast<br>6:45 DVD Study Group<br>7:00 Sanctuary Choir                         |
| <b>Monday, September 6</b><br>Office Closed<br>7:00 Handbells for Fun   | <b>Thursday, September 9</b><br>10:30 Ambassador Choir<br>11:30 Prayer Group  |
| <b>Tuesday, September 7</b><br>4:00 Exercise Class  | <b>Sunday, September 12</b><br>9:00 Handbell Choir<br>9:30 Children's Choir<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship Service<br>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 on Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: spaghetti, garlic bread corn on the cob 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: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

**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.

**DVD Lecture Series:** Wednesdays, after the Mid-Week Feast at 6:45 p.m. This year's series will focus on five of the World's Great Religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. A different professor will present on each of the five religions. Join the class and the lively discussion which follows each lecture.

### Presbyterian Women's September Circle Meetings



**Circle 1:** Tues. Sept. 14, at 10:00. Ann Bouchillon's home

**Circle 2:** Tues. Sept. 14 at 10:00. Bettie Miller's home

**Circle 3:** Tues. Sept 14 at 7:00 p.m. Barb Johnson's home

**Circle 4:** Tues. Sept 14 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**The Fifth Wheel:** Thurs. Sept. 23, at 7:30. Location TBA

**Circle 6:** Tues. Sept 14 at 7:00. Judy Hooten's home

**After the Fuzz Run:** First United Methodist Church will have a 9/11 Remembrance service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 9/11. You may wear your running clothes. They will also have a spaghetti lunch 11-2:00 or dinner from 5-7:00, cost: donation. FUMC phone: 770-786-7305.

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### Let's Take a Field Trip!

On **Thursday, September 9th**, join us for a trip to **Presbyterian Village** in Austell! We will tour the facility, enjoy the singing of the Ambassador Choir, and lunch with the residents and staff of Presbyterian Village. We'll leave from the church that morning at 9:00 am, and return by 2:00 pm. If you are interested in coming along, please sign below and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office during the week. Everyone is invited, so please **BRING A FRIEND!**

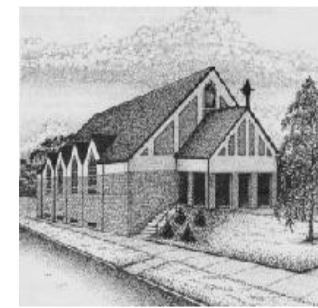
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### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

September 5, 2010

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Neil Harmon  
*Song of Joy* Christopher Beadle  
*Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above* Dennis Johnson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

SILENCE

INTROIT *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks* Herbert Howells  
Sanctuary Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 42:1-2  
As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

\* HYMN 189 ROCKINGHAM  
*As Deer Long for the Streams*  
Choir: stanza 1  
**All: stanzas 2-4**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Listen, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)  
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

### Reserve Your Space for the Montreat Retreat

We are now taking reservations for the **Montreat Retreat** which will be held November 5-7. **(Only 1 room left and it will be canceled if not reserved by Monday.)** Use the green forms found in the narthex or register on our website. Fill out the form and attach your deposit check to it, then turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. The **next installment (1/2 of the balance) is now due**, and the final payment will be due on October 24. If you are **registering** now, you will need to pay 1/2 of the total of rooms and breakfasts + tax. Call Peni in the church office if you need the total figure.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:**  
**Next week:**  
TBA

**Hosts:**  
Chris & Barbara Martin  
**Ushers:**  
Jon & Jane Williams, chair  
Sam & Sambo Hay  
**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

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