

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

Hymn 366, stanza 4

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*I will Arise*  
Traditional Folk Hymn/arr. Byler  
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.*

*Zacchaeus* arr. John Horman  
Children's Choir

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

## SERMON *When In Our Music* William B. Wade, Jr.

**QUESTIONS OF INTENT** Alan Bunn, Director of Music  
*To the choir:* Do you promise to use your gift of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving?  
**We do, by the grace of God.**

*To other ensembles and musicians:* Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel, to combine voice, instruments, and much joy?  
**We do, by the grace of God.**

*To the congregation:* Do you promise to add your voice to the hymns we sing? Will you sing with honesty and humility whether the song is old or new, comforting or challenging, triumphant or contemplative?  
**We will by the grace of God.**

## ✦ LITANY OF DEDICATION

To you, O God,  
**we offer our thanks and praise.**  
**We know that your creative power is the source of every good gift. Today, we take delight in the special gift of these hymnals.**

Sing: (#643, stanza 1)

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Thank you for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to make this new hymnal available for our use.

**Thank you for all those who worked to create this song collection for your wider church: composers, poets, and artists; editors, publishers, and committee members.**

Thank you for the guidance of your Spirit in the many decisions required through long years of dedicated service.

Sing: (#643, stanza 2)

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.

**May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship you.**

Sing: (#643, stanza 3)

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God.  
**Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Psalm 23, seated) *RESIGNATION*  
Hymn 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** p. 35 in front of hymnal

**CHORAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 595) ARGENTINE SANTO  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Sanctuary Choir

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

**OFFERTORY** *Adagio Molto* Alexandre Guilmant

✦ **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDRETH  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## ✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Thank you Lord, for the gift of music that stirs our hearts,  
**instructs our minds,**  
strengthens our spirits,  
**and sets our bodies in motion.**

Thank you for *old* songs that keep us connected with saints and traditions from our past,  
**and for new songs that create a legacy for future generations.**

Thank you for songs from *our* culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies and rhythms,  
**and for songs from other cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which your people offer praise around the world.**  
Glory be to you, O God, from whom all blessings truly flow.  
**Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 641** *When In Our Music God is Glorified* ENGELBERG

## ✦ CHARGE

Go now, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 5:19)

✦ **BENEDICTION** Isaiah 55:12

For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,  
**and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands!**

✦ **RESPONSE** Hymn 80 THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.*

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

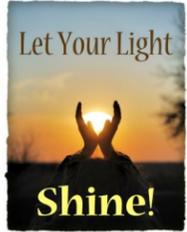
✦ **ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune* John Stanley

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

### Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Directory of Youth and Children's Ministry, is assisting with worship today.
- ◆ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you leave.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



**Celebrate the Gifts God has Given You**

Today, if you have not already done so, please turn in your time and talent card and your commitment card for the Operating Budget for 2014. If you need a card, you may obtain one from the ushers. Place the completed card in the offering plate or hand it to the ushers as you leave. Thank you!

**Mid-Week Feast:** Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be: turkey & dressing, green bean casserole, carrot casserole, bread. You may bring a dessert to share. Please fill out a reservation form which can be found in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. You also may call or e-mail the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

**The Wednesday evening study group** meets at 6:45 p.m. in the church parlor after Mid-Week Feast.

**The Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar!

**The Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will take place on Thanksgiving Day at the Fiquett Theme School. Donations of food and money are gladly accepted. If you wish to donate food or mail a check directly to the Newton County Ministers' Union, there are lists with instructions and ways to volunteer on the round table in the narthex. You may also make a check to First Presbyterian and put "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo space. Thank You!

### What It Means to Be Presbyterian

You are invited to consider "What It Means to Be Presbyterian". We will meet in the Martin Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays:

November 17: From Where Did We Come?  
 November 24: Who Are We Today?  
 December 1: "Organized" Religion?  
 December 8: You Believe What?



### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, November 17**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
     Youth Confirmation Class  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 Noon Session Meeting  
     YOUTH CONNECTION  
 4:00 Middle School  
 5:30 High School

**Tuesday, November 19**  
 4:00 Exercise Class this week

**Wednesday, November 20**  
 4:00 Adventure Club  
 4:00 Prayer Group  
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast

**Wednesday continued...**  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir  
     DVD Study Group

**Thursday, November 21**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, November 24**  
 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
     Youth Confirmation Class  
 11:00 Worship  
 12:00 Session Meeting  
     YOUTH CONNECTION  
 4:00 Middle School  
 5:30 High School

## 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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 Church Office: [penihaug@att.net](mailto:penihaug@att.net)  
 Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
 Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
 Covington, Georgia 30014-2314



## Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

**Special requests for November**  
 cookies, bread or hotdog buns

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Nursery Volunteers today**  
 Gregory Family  
**Next Week:**  
 Baxter & Lisa Bouchillon Family

**Ushers**  
 J.L. Johnson, Rod Pruner,  
 Stephanie Scarborough,  
 Jan Giles

**Sound Engineer:**  
 Ken Walker

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

**Class of 2013**  
 Patrick Carmichael  
 Judy Davis  
 Denny Dobbs  
 Aubrey Evans  
 Dave Gregory

**Class of 2014**  
 Debra Arnold  
 Bill Loeble  
 Darcel Tabb  
 Roger Tingler  
 Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2015**  
 Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Jan Giles  
 Jim Stillerman  
 Kevin Weber

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



*Twenty-sixth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

November 17, 2013



## *Hymnal Dedication Sunday*

### *Order of Worship*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach  
*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Emma Lou Diemer

**INTROIT (Hymn 585)** *Glory to God* MACHU-PICHU  
 Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalms 96 and 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands, let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

**Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.**

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the LORD who reigns.

**O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

✦ **HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, Holy Three, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs – or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live – as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us. Join our songs with your whole Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory, not our own. Amen.** (silence for personal reflection)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS