

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS

(Hymn 276, refrain only)

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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Feed My Lambs* Sleeth
Children's and Sanctuary Choirs

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Consecrate us, O God, by the truth; your word is truth. Guide our minds by your Spirit, that we may understand your word, learn your will and follow more closely in the steps of Christ our Lord; in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40: 25-31
New Testament Reading I Corinthians 15, sel. vss.

SERMON *Easter Blessings* The Rev. Al Myers

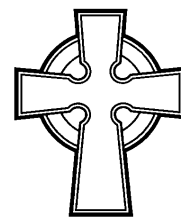
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 108 *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the Living God, and that his grace is the living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in the green pastures of our lives; and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.



CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Our Great Savior* Rowland H. Prichard

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, take these meager gifts which we return to you and turn them into life-giving and love-affirming blessings for your kingdom here on earth. AMEN.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Trad. Cameroon, arr. Bell

He Came Down
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Toccata on HYMN TO JOY* Joel Martinson

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- * We welcome the Rev. Al Myers as our preacher today.
- * Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- †Patrick Carmichael - cataract surgery
- †Velma Prescott - at daughter's home
- †Judy Findlay - liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
- †Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside
- †Jan Coulon - biopsy
- †Robert Fairey - heart surgery (friend of the Liems')
- †Wannie Burdett - stage 4 lung cancer (mother of Darris Burrell)
- †Darris Burrell - broken hip
- †Danielle Schubert—chemotherapy, home
- †Agnes Vining—treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)
- †Richard Katenkamp--lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems')
- †Anderson Krieger--Leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
- †Barbara Johnson—home
- †Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; home
- †Clarence Price - Parkview Manor
- †Roland Nelson—very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
- †Erin Kelahan—auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
- †Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton
- †Sylvia Smith—leukemia (friend of the Kennons)
- †Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant
- †Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
- †Jackie Wood—brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)
- †Shirley Smith—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

- Covington Square**
- †Rita Harrell
- †Joy Knight
- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**
- †Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens
- †Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens
- †Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- †Doris Hicks - Merryvale
- Benton House**
- †Helen and George Stamps
- †Mary Crudup
- †Doris Mote
- †Murray and Hazel McClure
- †Frances Ivey



We extend our sympathy and prayers for:

Jan Giles and her family in the death of her husband, Ed. A memorial service will be held at FPC on Tuesday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m. ;

Callie Weber and her family in the death of her grandmother, Gladys Curington, who died last Monday;

Reed Blakeney and his family in the death of his nephew, Revis Blakeney, Jr.

Hospital Visitor:
Mary Bollinger

To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu for April 10 is: fried chicken, green beans, corn, rice and rolls.

Wednesday Night Study Group: The two part study of Jesus begins with JESUS OF NAZARETH, the "Jesus of history". This is the topic of the study group on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. This is a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The study group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

Library Volunteers Needed: In light of the deep cuts in the library budget, the Witness Committee is planning to volunteer help. We have chosen Tuesday April 23 1-3 pm, and Thursday April 25 6-8 pm. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mary Bollinger 770-786-5997 or email maryib@bellsouth.net. Thank You.

Mission Trip to Nicaragua Once again we are looking forward to a mission trip to Nicaragua. For those of you wanting to be a part of this mission, here are some suggestions:

"Baby Bag" supplies—are filling up but we still need cloth diapers and small packages of baby wipes. Other items requested: receiving blankets (new or gently used), small lotions and powders, pacifiers, diaper shirts and baby toys.

We will be delivering water filtration pots. Pots can be bought for \$28 each or loose change can be collected in the "pots for change" found in the narthex.

Small toothpaste and toothbrushes, travel size soaps, shampoos, and lotions are also good. Cash donations will be used for medical supplies, transportation to hospitals and clinics, Bibles and snacks for prisoners, and other needs that God shows us when we are there. Donations can be made for the main project—building a visitor room for the local jail. Over half of the money needed has been collected. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church with the designation, Nicaragua Mission.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 14
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, April 16
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, April 17
4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Choir Rehearsal
6:45 DVD Study Group

Thursday, April 18
10:30 Ambassador Choir
11:30 Prayer Group

Sunday, April 21
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

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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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 April:
canned fruit

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Bouchillon Family

Next Week:

Evans Family

Ushers:

The Gregory Family
John and Jake McCarthy

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 Loebke
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

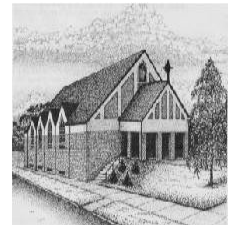
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Third Sunday
of Easter
April 14, 2013**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in D* Dietrich Buxtehude
Crown Him with Many Crowns Kenneth D. Varner

INTROIT *He Came Down* Trad. Cameroon, arr. Bell
Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song!

Sing a joyful melody of rebirth.

Sing praise to our risen Savior;

who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday.

Immerse your anxiety and despair in the promises and hope of Easter;

for our God has taken ordinary things,

and made them extraordinary!

✦ HYMN 262 *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith to the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to change and to be forgiving. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for saving grace!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.