

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *It Is Finished* Gaither
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

There's a line that's been drawn through the ages; on that line stands the old rugged cross. On that cross a battle is raging, for the gain of man's soul or his loss. On one side march the forces of evil, all the demons and devils of hell; On the other, the angels of glory and they meet on Golgotha's hill. The earth shakes with the force of the conflict, and the sun refuses to shine; For there hangs God's Son in the balance and then through the darkness He cries, "It is finished!" The battle is over. "It is finished!" There'll be no more war. It is finished! The end of the conflict; it is finished, and Jesus is Lord. Yet in my heart the battle was raging. Not all prisoners of war had come home; These were battlefields of my own making, I didn't know that the war had been won. Then I heard that the King of the Ages had fought all the battles for me. And victory was mine for the claiming and now, praise God, I am free!

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

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:1-3
Luke 24:33-53

SERMON *The Body* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 106 ALLELUIA
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY arr. Jerry Westenkuehler
Festival Piece on NICAEA

☩ 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!

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, give us eyes to see Christ alive and at work in our midst. Help us to reach out and touch one another with his compassion and love; for we pray in his holy name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

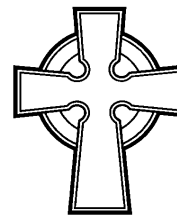
☩ HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ CHORAL RESPONSE CLEVELAND
Praise Ye the Lord (Psalm 150)
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choir

☩ POSTLUDE *And Can It Be?* Arr. Samuel Metzger

☩ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- * 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

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| † Jerry Walden - home (father of Dan Walden) † Janet Carmichael - cataract surgery † Velma Prescott - Emory † Judy Findlay - awaiting liver transplant (niece of Betty Robinson) † Hazel McClure - broken leg † Jan Coulon - biopsy on Wednesday † Robert Fairey - heart surgery (friend of the Liems') † Wannie Burdett - stage 4 lung cancer (mother of Darris Burrell) † Darris Burrell - broken hip † Jean Blair - gall bladder surgery, home † Danielle Schubert - chemotherapy, home † Patti Lanford - foot surgery † 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) † Billy McCarthy - broken ribs (father of John Mc-Carthy) † Barbara Johnson - home † Carla Harvill - surgery, home † Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd † 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 † Revis Blakeney, Jr - stage IV cancer (nephew of Reed Blakeney) † 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) † Courtney LeCroix Hoover - awaiting double lung transplant, Florida † 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 Hospital Visitor: Alice Walker |
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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.

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—receiving blankets (new or gently used), small packs of baby wipes, 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. (see "Nicaragua Mission" next panel)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Presbyterian Women - Circle V will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Hooten.

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu for April 10 is: barbeque, Brunswick stew, slaw and chips.

Wednesday Night Study Group: We will study PAUL, THE EPIS-TOLARY EVANGELIST. Did Paul write the letters that appear in his name, and why do many Biblical scholars consider 1, 2 Timothy and Titus, the Pastoral Epistles, to be written by a follower of Paul after the apostle had died? On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, we will look at Paul's influence on such major theologians as Augustine, Luther, Calvin and Wesley. 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.

The Silver Saints (55 years old and above) and the Ambassador Choir will meet for lunch on Thursday, April 11, at 12: noon in the Fellowship Hall. Newcomers are welcome to join us for the meal and the wonderful fellowship that always occurs. Please call the church office at 770-786-7321 to make a reservation. This will assure that food and seating will be adequate.

TIME TO DINE: If you haven't signed up for the church Friendship Supper Club, please call the church or see Carol McGiboney, Jean Blair, or Jean Wolverton. The first of three dinners will be at the end of April. See the Newsletter for more Information.

Nicaragua Mission continued...

Small toothpaste and toothbrushes, travel size soaps, shampoos, and lotions are also good. On **April 13**, we will have a garage sale in Fayetteville. If you have books, movies, CDs, etc. that you would like to contribute, call Judy Davis 770-464-4025. (No clothes.) 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

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| <p>Sunday, April 7 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, April 9 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, April 10 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>6:45 DVD Study Group</p> <p>Thursday, April 11 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group 12:00 Silver Saints' Lunch</p> <p>Easter Sunday, April 14 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</p> |
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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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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:

Gregory Family

Next Week:

Baxter Bouchillon Family

Ushers:

Donna Weesner

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

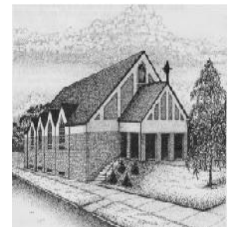
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| 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> | |



**Second Sunday
of Easter
April 7, 2013**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in F Major* Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP I Peter 1:3-4a
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

✦ HYMN 108 *Christ is Alive!* TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Creator and Redeemer of life, forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence among us. By your Spirit, open our eyes, ears and hearts that we may experience resurrection now and in the future you promise through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EASTER HYMN
(Hymn 123, stanza 2)
Hymn of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

On the evening of his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who were hiding in fear. He said: "Peace be with you." Ever since, his disciples have greeted one another in similar manner, in his name.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.