

From trite ideals and cheap pleasures;
from putting down our neighbors;
from cynicism about others;

O God, deliver us.

From complacency with things which should be changed;
from failing to act against injustice;
from token concern for the poor;

O God, deliver us.

From being poor stewards of the earth;
from failing to understand the things that make for peace;

O God, deliver us.

For everything in us that hides your light,
O God Light of Life, forgive us.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 485, stanza 1 and refrain) TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte
Michael Thompson, solo Alan Bunn, piano

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON *Laborers in the Vineyard* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

✦ 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Paul Manz

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Merciful God, we are your people. We live by your
grace. We rely on your guidance along our life's
journey and depend on your strength beyond our own.
We are grateful for your gifts. Help us to use them
graciously, wisely, courageously, and faithfully for
Christ's sake and the sake of the world for which he
gave
himself in your name. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 429
Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Shout to the North* SMITH
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in A Major* David N. Johnson

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation at the end of the worship service on **Sunday, September 8**, for the purpose of electing 3 members to the Nominating Committee to elect new elders. Patrick Carmichael and Billy Fortson are the session members serving on the committee.

THE ATLANTA CONCERT RINGERS HANDBELL ENSEMBLE IS COMING TO FPC!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m. The Atlanta Concert Ringers Handbell Ensemble will be performing a concert in our sanctuary at First Presbyterian, Covington.

Founded in 2002, The Atlanta Concert Ringers (ACR) is made up of experienced handbell ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area, ringing six octaves of handbells. This diverse group is made up of experienced ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area. All are welcome to come and hear the Atlanta Concert Ringers. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the concert. We'll see you there!

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's 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

†Kris Gates-appendectomy, home (Kris is one of our ELC teachers)

†Judy Davis-home

†Bill Davis-surgery, home

†Carol Capell-back surgery, home

†Lila Crutchfield- meningitis, home
(infant daughter of Chris & Jessica
Crutchfield, an FPELC family)

†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to
Beth and Danny Vining)

†Donnie Vining-cancer treatment
(nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

†Rebecca Bates-chemotherapy

†Barbara Johnson--cancer treatment

†Sherry Glover-surgery (Cub Scout parent)

†Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's
sister)

†Chris Martin-cancer treatment

†Frank Davis-home

†Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of
of Pam Stillerman)

†Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny
Dobbs' great niece's child)

†Maureen Picard-breast cancer (cousin
of Barbara Martin)

†Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of
Betty Bailey)

†Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend
of the Liems)

†Danielle Schubert-chemotherapy, home

†Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer
(friend of the Liems)

†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade
student at Flint Hill)

†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

†Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney
transplant

†Jackie Wood-brain tumor (neighbor of
Bernice Bailey)

†Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant
(Clarence Price's sister)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated

†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers

†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood
Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

†Clarence Price-Parkview Manor, Atlanta

Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps

†Mary Crudup

†Doris Mote

†Murray McClure

†Frances Ivey

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell

†Joy Knight

Merryvale

†Doris Hicks

†Bill Taylor

†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Martha Borders

We extend our sympathy and prayers for
Murray McClure and family on the death
of his wife, Hazel, who died last Sunday,
and to Eleanor Scarborough and family
in the death of her aunt, Mary Baker.

Hospital Visitor:

Bob & Darcel Tabb



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

Name Tags: If you requested a new name tag, they are now in the name tag bins - filed alphabetically. Ask an usher if help is needed to find the bins.

Updated Directories are now available in the narthex. There is one copy for each family.

Adventure Club is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th. We'll meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.** to learn about God and God's people through games, drama, music and arts & crafts.

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for supper. The menu this week will be: taco bar, Mexican rice, chips and dip. Bring desserts 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.

Wednesday Night Study Group THE SECRETS OF MARY MAGDALENE; THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS - The Lost Version of Christ's Betrayal; ANCIENT EVIDENCE - Mysteries of the Old Testament

These are a few of the BBC and National Geographic films that we will view and discuss at our weekly gatherings. The Wednesday night Study Group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Parlor following the Mid-Week Feast and welcomes both our returning and new participants. For more information, please call Jean Blair 404-678-3251.

Frank and Sarah Davis will be celebrating their 60 years of marriage on Saturday, September 7, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. You are invited to come and join the party! It will be held at Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, GA.

Barbara Johnson is in need of our prayers and could use a meal or two a week. If anyone would like to help in this area, please go to: Takethenameal.com and type in her last name, Johnson, and the password is Covington. Barbara said either Tuesday or Wednesday would be wonderful. We count it a blessing to be able to help one another. Call Darcel Tabb if you need more information 678-658-6242.

There will be a Mission Trip the week of September 22nd, to either Alabama or north Florida. Please let Patti Lanford know if you are interested in going. She can be reached at 770-490-3660 or p.lanford@gmail.com.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 25
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
Youth Confirmation Class
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Youth and Parent's meeting

Tuesday, August 27
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 28
4:00 Adventure Club
4:00 Prayer Group
6:00 Mid-week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

6:45 DVD Study Group

Thursday, August 29
9:45 Ambassador Choir Room
10:00 Sing at Merryvale

Sunday, September 1
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
Youth Confirmation Class
11:00 Worship

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 August
cooking oil and cereals

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

The Bates Family

Next Week:

The Henderson Family

Ushers

Bill Loeble, Bernice Bailey,

Bill and Jean Blair

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

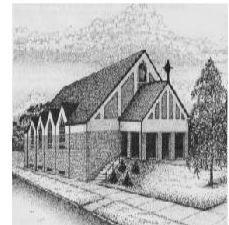
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	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>	



*Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

August 25, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Michael Burkhardt

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGENHATTE

INTROIT

He Will Provide

Collins

Children's Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136:1-7, 23-26

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of Gods,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of Lords,

for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever;

to the One who alone does great wonder,

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

to the One who by understanding made the heavens,

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

to the One who spread out the earth upon the waters,

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

to the One who made the great lights;

for God's steadfast love endures forever...

It is this One who remembered us in our low estate,

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who gives food to all flesh,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

✦ HYMN 455

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty;

from a calculating or sentimental mind;

from going along with mean and ugly things;

O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that dares not face truth;

laziness content with half-truth;

from all that is hollow or insincere;

O God, deliver us.