

✦ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. LOUIS

Hymn 121, stanza 3
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward all!
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Angel's Song* Diehl
Emily Bunn, 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 READINGS Micah 5:2
Romans 15:4, 13

SERMON *Christmas Gifts* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 143 REGENT SQUARE
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*
p. 34 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Rest Ye Merry, refrain
**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* J. Wayne Kerr

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CHRISTMAS

(Hymn 118, stanza 6)
**"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven begin and never
cease, begin and never cease!"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**No gift can we bring to match your gift to us, O God.
But open our hearts, we pray, that we may receive what
you offer, and may live according to your grace. Amen.**

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

✦ HYMN 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Love Has Come* BRING A TORCH
Alan Bunn, solo Alice Walker, organ

✦ POSTLUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

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

†Bernice Bailey-surgery Jan. 2, 2014 at Emory
†Mary Annese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)
†Jan Coulon-surgery, HOME
†Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
†Jenny Hinz-lupus (Andrew Hinz's relative)
†Eleanor Graham Jones-rehab (Billy Wade's cousin)
†Dan Gunter-stroke (Rick Gunter's brother)
†Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
†Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Chris Martin-home
†Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)
†Donnie Vining-brain surgery (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
†Rebecca Bates-will begin radiation
†Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
†Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
†Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
†Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
†Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
†Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Mary Cline-relocated
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Joy Knight -Riverside

Benton House
†Helen and George Stamps
†Mary Crudup
†Doris Mote
†Frances Ivey
†Joan Smith, #215
†Velma Prescott

Covington Square
†Rita Harrell

Merryvale
†Doris Hicks
†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Martha Borders

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of **Evelyn Underwood** who died on Saturday. Evelyn is the mother of **Pam Stillerman**, grandmother of **Tom and Liz Stillerman, Nick Jessup**, and great-grandmother of **Conner, Dylan and Paisley Jessup**. A funeral was held on Monday, December 23; and for **Debi and Glenn Selin** in the death of her son, **Jason Patrick Bell**, who died December 23, in Canada; and for **Cindy Moon** and family, in the death of her cousin, **Taylor Eberhardt**.

Hospital Visitor: Day Kennon

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**

This Week at FPC

Sunday, December 29
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, December 31
Church office closes at noon

**Wednesday & Thursday
January 1 and 2**
Church Office closed

Sunday, January 5
9:00 Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
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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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.

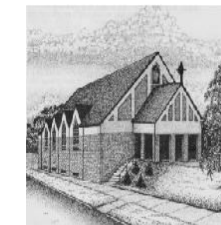
**Food Pantry
Needs**

Special requests for December



***First Sunday after
Christmas***

December 29, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Friedrich Zachau
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish Carol
I Saw Three Ships Traditional English Carol

INTROIT *Love Has Come* BRING A TORCH
Alan Bunn, solo Alice Walker, organ

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Unto us a child is born, to us a son is given!
His name is Emmanuel, "God with us."

✠HYMN 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, the world is not as it should be.
There is violence and famine and sickness and pain.
Let those things die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.

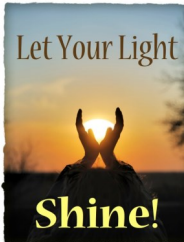
Our hearts are not as they should be.
There is conflict, unforgiveness, judgment and rage.
Let those things die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.

As we embark upon the newness of the coming age,
May wickedness that marked the old be cast away by love.
Let wickedness die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.

When a brother sees not the beauty of his brother,
And a sister sees not the glory of her sister,
Where a sister sees not the innocence of her brother,
And a brother sees not the brilliance of his sister,
May illusions die, dear Lord.
May we be reborn.

Redeem the past- **Release the future.**
Wipe away all tears- **Deliver us to joy.**
Correct our thinking- **Heal our hearts.**

May fear now die, dear Lord,
May we be no longer who we used to be.
Release your glory that lies within us,
That all the world might be reborn.
This is our prayer for the age upon us. Amen.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)



Let Your Light Shine!

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!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

Jessup Family
Next Week:
Ardis Family

Ushers

Denny Dobbs
Eleanor Scarborough
Stephanie Scarborough

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>	

