

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *True Light* Hampton  
Sanctuary Choir, Janet Carmichael, solo

## 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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-43

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*Why Do We Keep Coming Back?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IV.2*

**Jesus lived a truly human life.**

**Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.**

**Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

**We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Heavenly Sunlight* Diane Bish

## ☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 356, stanza 1 NETTLETON  
***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

**Examine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love, and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived, and love others, as he loved them. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

☩ HYMN 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

## ☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ CHORAL RESPONSE *Deus de Deo* arr. Bell  
("God from God, Light from Light")  
Sanctuary Choir

☩ POSTLUDE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Michael Burkhardt

☩ Please stand, if you are able.

### COUPLES:

**A three-part program for those married, engaged or dating**

All ages are invited.

Sunday night, February 24, Sunday morning, March 3 and  
Sunday night, March 3

Sunday, February 24, 4-6 p.m.: The Rev. Billy Wade will give a presentation on a number of issues that emerge in dating, pre-marital and marriage relationships.  
(Child care will be provided.)

Sunday, March 3, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.: Rebecca Bates MS, LPC, NCC will lead us through a process known as Nonviolent Communication, resolving differences compassionately and enhancing relationships.

(We will have a light breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will start the program at 9:45 sharp. Regular Sunday morning child programs will be provided.)

Sunday, March 3, 5 – 7 p.m.: Cindy Elrod, PhD, LPC, Senior Therapist for the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia will lead a program on Feelings and Forgiveness, combining skills for managing our difficult feelings in the context of finding forgiveness for ourselves and others.

(Supper will be served. Reservations are required for the supper. Child care will be provided.)

## 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

†Guy McGiboney, home  
 †Wayne Bailey-hospice care (Bernice Bailey's nephew)  
 †Barbara Johnson - cancer treatment, home  
 †Doris Hicks-stroke  
 †Penny Hale Blakeney, surgery, home  
 †Samuel Krauth – newborn nephew of Erika and Brad LeSassier; home  
 †Sarah Gregory-broken foot  
 †Carla Harvill-surgery, home  
 †Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd  
 †Betty Strohecker - home after knee surgery (mother of Diane Loebler)  
 †Clarence Price - surgery, Grady  
 †Rick Green - nephew of Eleanor Scarborough, surgery  
 †Roland Nelson - nephew of Carol McGiboney, very ill  
 †Chuck Walker—friend of Travis Moss; stroke  
 †Erin Kelahan - friend of Joyce Ashworth, brittle-bone disease & auto accident, multiple fractures  
 †Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton  
 †Revis Blakeney, Jr - nephew of Reed Blakeney, stage IV cancer  
 †Steve Rider - family of Debbie Gossage, bypass surgery at Emory Midtown  
 †David Moss - family of Debbie Gossage, surgery at St. Joseph's  
 †Sylvia Smith, friend of the Kennons, leukemia  
 †Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney

transplant  
 †Donnie Vining - nephew of Beth and Danny Vining, chemotherapy  
 †Jackie Wood - neighbor of Bernice Bailey, brain tumor  
 †Courtney LeCroix Hoover - awaiting double lung transplant, Florida  
 †Shirley Smith - Clarence Price's sister, awaiting kidney transplant

### Covington Square

†Rita Harrell  
†Joy Knight

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor  
 †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

### Out of the Country

†Dr. Jennifer Bartley—Haiti for medical mission 1/30-2/8 (daughter of Spencer and Linda Boyd)  
 †Reneé Robinson - Australia (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Louly Hay

*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.*

**Statements of donations to the church** are ready to be picked up for anyone who made monetary gifts during 2012. They are in alphabetical order in a labeled box in the narthex. Taking your statement home with you will help us be good stewards of our resources. If you gave, but don't have a statement, or if you find a mistake please call Peni in the church office and she will be glad to help, 770-786-7321. Thanks!



**ONGOING ACTIVITIES  
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Circle V**—Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Hughes, 770-787-0797.

**Ash Wednesday Worship** will be held at First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. **Mid-Week Feast will not be held at FPC.** Instead, **we are invited this Wednesday to First United Methodist Church, at 5:30 p.m. for supper.** The adult menu is: Pot roast and gravy, rice, green beans, carrots, salad, biscuits and dessert; the kids' meal is: Chicken nuggets, green beans, carrots and tater tots. The cost is \$5 adult, \$4 Child, \$20 family cap. Please specify if kids are eating adult meal or kids meal. Call or e-mail by Monday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. 770-786-7321 or e-mail Peni at: [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net). No reservations can be made after 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

**The DVD Group will not meet this Wednesday, February 13th**, so that members can join the Methodist Church for Ash Wednesday services.

**The Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir** will have lunch together on **Thursday, February 14**, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are 50 years or older, please join us for fellowship and laughter. If you have not been a regular attendee notify the church office that you will join the group. The meal will be provided but desserts to share would complete the menu. Since it will be Valentine's Day, free hugs will be available at the door.

**Tree Steward Award:** First Presbyterian Church of Covington has been chosen by the City of Covington Tree Preservation Board to receive the 2013 City of Covington's **Outstanding Community Tree Steward Award.** The efforts made by the church and its congregation, especially Mr. Gene Wallace, at the pocket park nestled between the parking lot and the United Bank have been a welcoming addition to Covington as it provides a serene setting for the public to enjoy.

The Mayor and Council and the Covington Tree Preservation Board will honor First Presbyterian at the 2013 Arbor Day Celebration at The Covington Woman's Club, 1122 College Street, Covington, GA on **Friday, February 15, 2013** at 11:00 a.m.

**As an act of solidarity with families affected by Hurricane Sandy** and other disasters throughout the United States, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is asking that you designate February 17, 2013 — the first Sunday in Lent as "wear your blue PDA T-shirt Sunday". We know there are thousands of you who have 'earned' a PDA T-shirt through your faithful service of ministering to survivors of other disasters.

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, February 10**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session Meeting  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Tuesday, February 12**  
4:00 Exercise  
7:00 Pres. Women's Circle 5  
see announcement above

**Wednesday, February 13**  
4:00 Adventure Club  
5:30 Supper at FUMC  
7:00 Ash Wednesday worship at  
First United Methodist Church

**Thursday, February 14**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group  
12:00 Silver Saints' Lunch

**Friday, February 15**  
11:00 Arbor Day Shining Light  
Award—Outstanding Tree Steward

**Sunday, February 17**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
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.

**E-mail:**

Pastor, Billy Wade: [wbwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:wbwade@bellsouth.net)

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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
Covington, Georgia 30014



**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 February:**

Canned meats: chicken; beef; beef stew; Spam; Ham (no tuna)

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers today:**

Moss Family  
**Next Week:**  
Weesner Family

**Ushers:**

Billy and Stephanie Fortson  
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

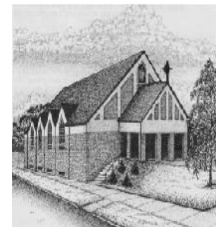
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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>	



**Transfiguration  
Sunday**

**February 10, 2013**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Light Divine* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Gilbert M. Martin  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies* Anna Laura Page

**INTROIT** Handbells

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** I John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.  
**Praise the Lord!**

✦ **HYMN 263** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Almighty God, forgive us when we conceal your glory by our self-centeredness. Forgive us when we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness. Forgive us when we conceal your justice by ignoring the powerless. Forgive us when we conceal your mercy by our hard and unforgiving attitudes. Forgive us when we conceal your compassion by our insensitivity and impatience. Help us to live more nearly as the people you have called us to be, so that others may see Christ shining in our lives; for we pray in his name.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**