

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### 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 16:13-23

SERMON Dan Walden  
*Characters of Lent: Simon Peter*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 87 ERHALT UNS, HERR  
*The Glory of These Forty Days*

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*  
In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Freely you have received, freely give.

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.**

OFFERTORY "Chanson" Edward Barnes

☩ DOXOLOGY HYMN 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with  
these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding  
the world with your love, and in encouraging  
those around us to know and follow Jesus the Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

☩ HYMN 539 ELLERS  
*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

### ☩ CHARGE AND BLESSING

☩ POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D" David N. Johnson

☩ 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, in the Fellowship Hall

**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 9:30 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

- \* Today's Prayer of Confession was composed by Susan R. Tomlinson.
- \* Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is preaching today and assisting with worship today.
- \* We welcome back the Rev. Dr. John Roark as our guest organist 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

†Danielle Schubert—surgery on 2/27  
†Jodi Walden—home  
†Agnes Vining—treatment for cancer  
(sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)  
†Jack Yoder—home  
†James Hamm—surgery (owner of  
Townhouse Café)  
†Barbara Johnson—home  
†Doris Hicks—stroke  
†Penny Hale Blakeney, surgery, home  
†Carla Harvill—surgery, home  
†Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler;  
spinal cord injury; Shepherd  
†Clarence Price - home  
††Roland Nelson—very ill (nephew of  
Carol McGiboney)  
†Erin Kelahan—auto accident and brittle  
bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth  
Patton  
†Revis Blakeney, Jr -stage IV cancer  
(nephew of Reed Blakeney)  
†Steve Rider -bypass surgery (Debbie  
Gossage's family member)  
†David Moss—very ill (family of Debbie  
Gossage)  
†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 trans-  
plant (Clarence Price's sister)

#### 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

†Reneé Robinson - Australia (Bettie  
Miller's granddaughter)

*We extend our sympathy and pray-  
ers for the Scarborough family in the  
death of Eleanor's nephew, Rick  
Green, who died last week and to  
Bernice Bailey in the death of her  
nephew, Wayne Bailey, who died  
last week.*

*Congratulations to Kingsley Raines,  
daughter of Dennis and Lelia Raines,  
on her marriage to Chris Allen on  
Saturday, February 16th.*

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

*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

**Clarence Price Birthday Celebration:** Clarence's family has invited members of FPC to a birthday bash **today** at 3:00 p.m. at "Under the Stars" in Oxford.

**Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** This week the menu is: roast pork, hot pineapple casserole, English pea salad, tossed salad and rolls. Bring a dessert to share. The cost is \$6 adult, \$3 children under 10. Call or e-mail by Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. 770-786-7321 or e-mail Peni at: penihaug@bellsouth.net.

**The Wednesday Night Study Group:** On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, we will discuss a Hellenist, PHILIP. Likely only a portion of a more extensive story, Acts' vignettes about Philip offer hints into the development of the "New Testament Apocrypha"; early legends about the major figures in the Gospels and Acts. 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.

**Youth Lock-In, Friday, March 1st @ 7:30pm** (have dinner before you arrive). All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us for a 12-hour marathon of fun! Bring a signed permission form, sleeping bag, pillow, appropriate sleeping attire, and **\$10 for admission to Game Time.** We'll hang at Game Time from 8:00pm until midnight with the youth group from First United Methodist, then we'll return to the church for a devotion followed by games and movies. We'll finish up with breakfast at 7:00am and pick-up at 7:30am.

**Children's Sunday - next Sunday, March 3rd** we will celebrate Children's Sunday during 11:00am worship. During this time our children (grades K - 5) will be leading the worship service, sharing their gifts of song, presenting a dramatic interpretation of a Gospel story, and reminding us that they are faithful disciples of Christ who can lead us to Him. Parents, please have your children in the choir room for rehearsal promptly at 9:30am. We'll rehearse during the Sunday School hour as well.

This Week at FPC	
<b>Sunday, February 24</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Couples Class 5:00 Youth Connection	<b>Thursday, February 28</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group  <b>Friday, March 1</b> 7:30 pm Youth Lock-in
<b>Tuesday, February 26</b> 4:00 Exercise	<b>Sunday, March 3</b> <b>Children's Sunday</b> 9:30 Children's Choir 9:30 Couples Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch after worship 5:00 Couples Class
<b>Wednesday, February 27</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Choir Rehearsal 6:45 DVD Study	

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

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

<b>Nursery Volunteers today:</b> The Jones Family  <b>Next Week:</b> Laurie Bunn	<b>Ushers:</b> Billy and Stephanie Fortson Eleanor Scarborough Stephanie Scarborough  <b>Sound Engineer:</b> Rick Gunter
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION**

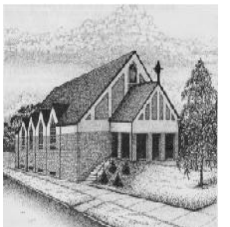
Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory	Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton	Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber

**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>	



**Second Sunday in Lent  
February 24, 2013**



*Order of Worship*  
**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

- PRELUDE "Siciliano" Maria Theresa Von Paradis
- ✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 27*  
 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**
- ✦ **HYMN 485** TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
*To God Be the Glory*
- ✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION** *1 Timothy 1:14-15*  
 The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Holy God, we thank you for this Lenten season. It is a much-needed time for us to concentrate more fully on strengthening our relationship with you. We confess the lack of zeal with which we often approach this relationship. We confess the times when our love of the activities of this world override our love of spending time with you. We confess the ways we shut you out of our lives. Help us to resolve anew to grow in our desire to be close to you, for the sake of Christ's work on earth. (silence for personal reflection)**
- 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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**
- ANTHEM** *O Rest in the Lord* MENDELSSOHN  
 Janet Carmichael - solo  
 John Roark - accompaniment