

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *No Time* Brumfeld  
*I Believe* Miller  
Oxford Youth Singers

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Arts Association

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 73

SERMON The Rev. Dr. John Roark  
*Does Sunday Worship Matter?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* BREAD OF LIFE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed*  
*p. 14 in the 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 *Day by Day* Joseph Linn  
Robert Sewell, euphonium Alice Walker, piano

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 592

✦ 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 555 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Praise His Holy Name* Hampton  
Oxford Youth Singers

✦ POSTLUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* Michael Burkhardt

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

\* Our guest preacher, **Dr. John Roark** is no stranger to this congregation, for he has been here numerous times serving in various capacities. He is a native Atlantan, a graduate of the University of Georgia, and holds both master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia Seminary. In retirement he continues to serve the church on a regular basis in various capacities. He is married to the former Margaret Head of Athens and has two children and four grandchildren. They live in Buford.

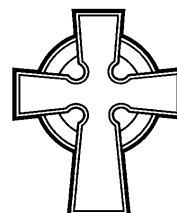
\* We welcome to our service this morning **Robert Sewell**, who is playing euphonium. Robert is a graduate of Florida A&M University, with a major in Euphonium. He is a Brass Instructor, has been playing with the Covington Conyers Community Orchestra for six months, and is an accomplished handbell ringer. Robert has joined the First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir.

\* 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.

**Oxford Youth Singers** is an auditioned youth choir for students in 8th -12th grades. This choir enhances music skills and provides choral experience and opportunities for musical theatre. Students also have the opportunity to learn about the technical and backstage components of performances. This group is for those who want to enhance their music and theatre education.

Under the direction of Mary Lynn Luke, Artistic Director and Eva Bone, Assistant Vocal Director, Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers perform Christmas in Covington to celebrate the holiday season in December. With the expertise of Jay Tryall, Assistant Director & Choreographer, the groups collaborate again in the spring to perform a musical.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Barbara Johnson - cancer treat, home  
† Penny Blakeney—surgery, home  
† Wayne Scarborough-home  
† Merlin Slot – grandfather of Brad LeSassier very ill  
† Penny Hale Blakeney, surgery, home  
† Samuel Krauth – newborn nephew of Erika and Brad LeSassier; NICU  
† Sarah Gregory-broken foot  
† Carla Harvill-surgery, home  
† Kellan and Jill Finney (friends of Zach Kimmel) were in a serious automobile accident last Wednesday. Both are at home healing from their injuries.  
† Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; Shepherd  
† Betty Strohecker - home after knee surgery (mother of Diane Loeble)  
† Noah Boston - home  
† Clarence Price - home  
† Rick Green - nephew of Eleanor Scarborough, surgery  
† Paisley Jessup - tests  
† Roland Nelson - nephew of Carol McGiboney, very ill  
† David and Connie Waller-friend of the Paschal family, chemo and bone marrow transplant  
† 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  
† Judy Childs Hopkins - friend of Debbie

Gossage, chemotherapy  
† 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  
† Courteney 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:

Linda Boyd

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. By 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!



Boy Scout Sunday

February 3, 2013 is Boy Scout Sunday. Everyone who has ever been associated with the Boy Scouts is invited to wear their uniform. Cub Scouts from our Pack 4511 will be helping with the morning worship service. Rick Gunter is the Cub Master.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Today the Arts Association in Newton County will present **Phillip Skerrett, Becky Ramsey, and Alice Walker** in concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. No tickets are required, but a free will offering will be taken to benefit the **Dave Young Scholarship Fund** for young musicians. This scholarship was created in honor of Dave Young who was a great educator in the Newton County School System as well as the first Executive Director of the Concert Association, now known as the Arts Association.

Mr. Skerrett is on the faculty of Clark Atlanta University and is Organist/Pianist at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church in Atlanta. Becky Ramsey is Organist at Covington First United Methodist Church. Alice Walker is Organist at FPC. Both Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Walker direct music for seniors at their churches.

There will be **NO Adventure Club** this Wednesday, January 30th as Dan Walden will be out of town at a conference.



**Sunday, February 3rd - Special Offering**  
More than 20 years ago, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single church youth group in South Carolina: **"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the

country. Next Sunday, our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you leave morning worship. Every dollar donated will go to our local **Community Food Pantry**. Please consider giving generously.

**Mid-Week Feast :** On Wednesdays we gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. for supper. The menu for this week is: creamy Italian chicken, rice, roasted carrots, string beans and rolls. You may bring a dessert to share. The cost is: adults, \$6 and children, \$3. Reservations are a "must" so that the food will be plentiful! Use one of the forms in the pew pocket or email to [penihaug@bellsouth.net](mailto:penihaug@bellsouth.net) by 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

### The Wednesday Night Study Group:

Wednesday, January 30th, **Judas Iscariot** will be the topic of our lecture. Who was he? The "kiss"? Why do some think he might be a fictional character? What are the various stories of his death? 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 p.m. following the Mid-Week Feast.

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, January 27**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
3:00 Organ Concert  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Tuesday, January 29**  
4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, January 30**  
6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 DVD and Discussion

**Thursday, January 31**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir  
11:30 Prayer Group

**Sunday, February 3**  
Super Bowl of Caring  
Scout Sunday

9:00 Children's Choir  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Staff note:** Dan Walden will be attending a continuing education seminar this week through Thursday January 31.

### 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 January:

Soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauce. You may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

#### Nursery Volunteers today:

Jessup Family

#### Next Week:

Ardis Family

#### Ushers:

Guy & Carol McGiboney  
Donna & Jack 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

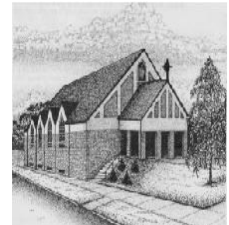
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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 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>		



### Third Sunday after Epiphany

**January 27, 2013**



#### For Your Reflection

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)*

#### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	arr. Behnke
	Handbell Choir	
	Be Thou My Vision	Tom Fettke
	Robert Sewell, euphonium	Alice Walker, piano
INTROIT	Bonse Aba	Johnson
	Oxford Youth Singers	

#### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;**  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

✦ HYMN 454 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, it is with shame in our hearts that we confess how often we are so wrapped up in ourselves and in our own needs, that we completely ignore the needs of others and are not even aware of the pain they bear. Forgive us our thoughtless ways. Show us how to understand those near to us, to reach out to them and stand with them in their need; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we are called to be a compassionate people.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### ✦ RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn 597