

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Come Unto Him" from *Messiah* Geo. F. Handel  
Julianna Laseter, solo  
Alice Walker, organ

## 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.*

## 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 READINGS Psalm 72:1-11, 19  
Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON *A Wise Man's Story* William B. Wade, Jr.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 151 KINGS OF ORIENT  
*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11  
**Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Prayer* arr. Albert Hay Malotte  
Julianna Laseter, solo  
Alice Walker, organ

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Diane Bish

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GREENSLEEVES  
**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Like others before us, Lord, we bring our gifts. Lead us from here in new directions to witness to what we have seen and heard, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 147 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL  
(stanza 6)

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE ANDUJAR  
*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Joel Raney

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



## Worship Notes

- ♦ Julianna Laseter, our guest soloist today, is a Top Ten graduate of Eastside High School, and a long-time participant in the Oxford Youth Singers. She is a Freshman Music Major at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, and the daughter of Bill and Cathy Laseter. She is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta.
- ♦ **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

†Bill Cobham-Piedmont Hospital  
 †Bernice Bailey-surgery on Jan. 9  
 †Dan Gunter-stroke, rehab (Rick Gunter's brother)  
 †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

Congratulations to Sarah Prince Sluder and husband Michael in the birth of a son, Bennett Barry Sluder on January 1, 2014. Congratulations also to the grandmother, Fran Prince, and to Aunt Emily Prince and Uncle Quinton Prince.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Mary Bollinger

*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

### Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings:

**Circle I** will meet at 10:00 in the home of Ann Bouchillon.

**Circle II** will meet at 10:00 at the home of Betty Robinson.

**Circle III** will meet at 10:30 in the home of Carol Dunbar.

Alice Walker will present Lesson 5, God Provides.

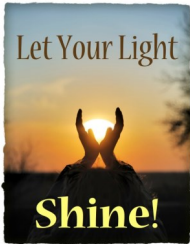
**Circle IV** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Eleanor Scarborough.

**Circle V** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Brenda Howell.

There will be no Mid-Week Feast until further notice.

**Imagine Community Differently:** L'Arche, "the Ark" in French, is a high-impact international federation of over 140 communities worldwide whose **mission is to build community with people of all abilities and to help our society imagine the human family differently, inspiring others to similar initiatives.** We do this primarily through small homes where three adults with intellectual disabilities and three assistants share life together, living in the manner of a family, trusting God and living fully engaged lives in the larger community. Each L'Arche community is a grassroots, local effort and L'Arche Atlanta opened our first home in August of 2012.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** FPC, Covington, will present a **Hymn Festival** featuring the new Presbyterian Hymnal, *Glory to God*, on Sunday, **January 26, at 4 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. The Festival will be led by nationally and internationally renowned musician, Herb Buffington, who is organist at Atlanta's Peachtree Christian Church. You won't want to miss this celebration!



**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!

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p><b>Sunday, January 5</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 7</b> 4:00 Exercise Class Circle meetings...see above for times and locations</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 8</b> 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 9</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 12</b> 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Session Meeting</p>

**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 December**

<b>THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY</b>	
<p><b>Nursery Volunteers today</b> Ardis Family <b>Next Week:</b> Moss Family</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b> Gary and Susan Boteler Guy and Carol McGiboney</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>

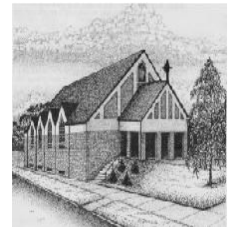
<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION</b>		
<p><b>Class of 2013</b> Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p><b>Class of 2014</b> Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>	<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber</p>

<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF</b>	
<p>William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i></p>	<p>Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Pauleen Green &amp; Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>



## Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2014



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*      WIE SCHON LEUCHTET  
*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*      Albin C. Whitworth  
*Three Kings of Orient*      Carlos Staszkeski

### INTROIT

*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*      ANDUJAR  
 Sanctuary Choir

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3, 6b

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**  
 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
**and thick darkness the peoples;**  
 but the Lord will arise upon you,  
**and his glory will be seen upon you.**  
 And, nations shall come to your light,  
**and kings to the brightness of your rising...**  
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
**and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

### ✦HYMN 147

*The First Nowell*      THE FIRST NOWELL  
 (stanzas 1-5)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or always trusted good news to be good. we have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

Hymn 113, refrain  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**