

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are children of God, by God's abundant grace.

Our freedom is a gift.

Receive it fully.

Our purpose is justice.

Do it rightly.

Our hope is peace.

Pursue it faithfully.

Our calling is life.

Live it well.

Our sins are forgiven. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

✦ *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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up* arr. Lovland/Graham
Robert Sewell, trombone and Alice Walker, 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Isabelle Lacouture Hinz

HYMN 498 (seated) KINGDOM
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:1-10

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Tax Collectors and Sinners

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I belong - body and soul in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦ *DOXOLOGY* Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, guide the words we say and the things we do, that our lives may be a true witness to your grace and goodness; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON
(Hymn 535)
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

✦ POSTLUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* Michael Burkhardt

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

CELL PHONE NUMBER LISTINGS

More and more people are dropping their home phones and going exclusively to using their personal cell phone numbers. Previously we have not printed cell phone numbers, knowing that some folks prefer NOT to receive all of their calls via cell phone. Since communication is very important to the congregation we are going to begin printing cell phone numbers as of August 1. You still have a choice -- you may say nothing and all of your phone numbers will be printed -- or you may let us know to exclude your cell or home phone number(s). Please let us know by using the directories in the narthex to communicate your wishes or by using the method listed below. Thank you!

Contact information: church office - 770-786-7321
Office e-mail: penihaug@bellsouth.net



Worship Notes

- ◆ The Call to Worship this morning has been adapted from Tuesday Morning Worship, Festival of Homiletics, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, May 15, 2012. The Prayer of Confession has been adapted from the Order of Worship, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, May 2, 2013.
- ◆ 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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Judith Barton-surgery (Mother of Perri Walden)
 †Bart DeHaven-cancer
 †Judy Davis-broken arm
 †Rebecca Bates-home
 †Barbara Johnson--cancer treatment
 †Sherry Glover-surgery (Cub Scout parent)
 †Helen Stamps-Riverside
 †Rick Gunter-broken leg
 †Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
 †Chris Martin-cancer treatment
 †Frank Davis-Emory
 †Teddy Horton-throat cancer (nephew of Blankenship family)
 †Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of Pam Stillerman)
 †Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
 †Maureen Picard-breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin)
 †Jack Yoder-home
 †Velma Prescott-at daughter's home
 †Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
 †Hazel McClure-broken leg, Riverside
 †Helen Sessions - breast cancer (friend of the Liems)
 †Danielle Schubert-chemotherapy, home
 †Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems)
 †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
 †Tyler Head-spinal cord injury, home (Newton High wrestler)

McGiboney)
 †Erin Kelahan-auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
 †Claude Bennett-friend of Milton Patton
 †Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant
 †Jackie Wood-brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)
 †Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
 †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
 †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
 †Clarence Price-Parkview Manor, Atlanta

Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps
 †Mary Crudup
 †Doris Mote
 †Murray and Hazel McClure
 †Frances Ivey

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell
 †Joy Knight

Merryvale

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

Hospital Visitor:

Stephanie Fortson

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



Church Work Day: Put on your grubby clothes, grab your work gloves, and join us as we do some late "Spring Cleaning" in preparation for the new school year. We'll be cleaning out storage rooms, and doing minor repairs and painting. **Saturday, July 27, at 9:00 am**

Second quarter statements, for those who pledge, are in the narthex. Please take yours home and help us save postage costs. Thanks!

Here at First Presbyterian Covington we take care of each other when a need arises. Our own Rebecca Bates is having a series of treatments and will need some help with the cooking. If you are able to help take a meal please contact Debra Arnold or Darcel Tabb for the website set-up to help with organizing the date and times needed.
darnold2@rockdale.k12.ga.us or darceltabb@yahoo.com

New CD Recording

Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker, with the engineering help of Ken Walker, have produced a new Piano and Organ Compact Disc entitled *Standing on Holy Ground*. The CD was recorded in the past few weeks in the First Presbyterian Church of Covington sanctuary. It contains meditative hymns of a devotional nature. A few CDs will be available at the organ or in the narthex after today's service for \$10.00 each. Proceeds will benefit Salem Campground.

We will be publishing an updated Church Directory in early August and we need your help to make it as accurate as possible. We ask that you look at your listing in the "draft" directory on the table in the narthex. If all information is correct, please put a check mark beside your name. If your address, telephone, cell phone or e-mail have changed or been added, please write that information beside your name. Make sure if you have live-at-home children, that they are listed. If there is no listing for you please add it on the blank paper provided. You may also request a name tag if you don't have one (on directory page or on separate sign-up sheet). We would also like you to include full birth dates (month/day/year) for all who reside in your household and who attend church here. If you do not want others to see your birth year, you may send it in an e-mail, write a note or call the church office: penihaug@bellsouth.net or 770-786-7321. Thanks so much for your help!

Montreat Retreat Registration: It is time to make your reservation for the church retreat at Montreat which is scheduled for November 8-10, 2013. The whole church family is invited! The blue registration forms are on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and attach your deposit. Full details are listed on the form. If you have other questions speak with Billy Wade or Dan Walden.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 21 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, July 25 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, July 23 4:00 Exercise	Saturday, July 27 9:00 Church Work Day
Wednesday, July 24 4:00 Prayer Group	Sunday, July 28 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

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 July:

gallon zipper bags, bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo
(small and travel sizes are accepted)

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Nina Giles
Next Week:
Gregory Family

Ushers:

Jon and Jane Williams
Cy and Jean Wolverton

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>	



**Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
July 21, 2013**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* Marilyn Biery
Sonata No. 1 J. E. Galliard
Concerto in F Minor Mvt. 3 G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the house of God,
where peace and love abound.
Welcome to a place of peace and restoration.
God specializes in making old things new, and in fixing things that are broken.
We are witnesses to these things.
We come in love; we come in peace.
We come to worship the God who makes all things new!

HYMN 469 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty,
yet we often fail to wonder.
We are symbols of hope,
yet we often succumb to despair.
We are blessed beyond measure,
yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity.
We are uncommonly free,
yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures.
We are gifted and graced as a people of faith,
yet we often fail to let our light shine.
We are loved beyond measure,
yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally.
In these moments of shared togetherness, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)