

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Anonymous
Michael Thompson, soloist Alice Walker, piano

*I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord,
none but Thee.*

*When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.*

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 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON *Sowing Seed* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 14 in front of 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 Cesar Franck
Panis Angelicus from *Messe Solennelle*
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 422, stanza 1
**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich
and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by You, we
turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful
song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, help us to accept what you offer, that we may give
ourselves to living the abundant life to which you call
us; for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

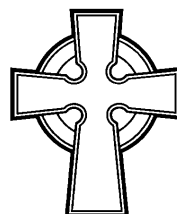
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 285 AUSTRIAN HYMN
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

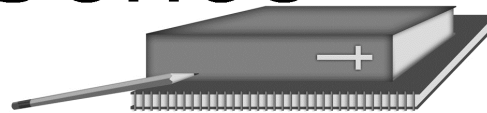
✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
To God We Render Thanks and Praise

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Sermon Series



Today is the first in a series of sermons on the parables of Jesus:

June 9: *Sowing Seed* (The Sower) Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
June 16: *From Seeds to Shrubs* (The Mustard Seed) Mark 4:30-34
June 23: *One Out of a Hundred* (The Lost Sheep) Luke 15:1-7
June 30: *The Other Fig Tree* (The Fig Tree) Luke 13:6-9

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth 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

†Helen Stamps-Newton Medical Center
†Rick Gunter-broken leg
†Rebecca Bates-home
†Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
†Gray Jones-pneumonia (son of Krissy Jones)
†Chris Martin-home
†Sam Hay, Jr.-home
†Frank Davis-home
†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
†Jan Coulon-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
†Agnes Vining-treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)
†Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems')
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
†Barbara Johnson-home
†Tyler Head-spinal cord injury, home (Newton High wrestler)
†Roland Nelson-very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
†Erin Kelahan-auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
†Claude Bennett-friend of Milton Patton
†Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant
†Donnie Vining-chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
†Jackie Wood-brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)
†Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
†Russ Cole -The Magnolia, Conyers
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Doris Hicks-Merryvale
†Clarence Price-Parkview Manor

Benton House

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

We celebrate with Aaron & Mandi Roberts on the birth of their son Hudson Miller Elliot Roberts. He was born on June 2nd weighing in at 8 lbs 10 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Dennis & Lelia Raines, great-grandson of Hughie & Foster Hudson, nephew of Kingsley & Chris Allen, and cousin of Ethan Booth.

Congratulations to Graduates:

Liz Stillerman who graduated from *Elan University* summa cum laude with a major in *Dance Performance and Choreography*. She is the daughter of *Jim and Pam Stillerman* and sister of *Tom Stillerman*. Liz will be living and working in Chicago;
Emily Ashworth - Lynchburg High School; granddaughter of *Joyce & Jim Ashworth*;
Elizabeth Phillips graduated from MIT on June 7, 2013 with a BS in *chemical engineering*. Following graduation, she will be working in the lab at MIT. She is the granddaughter of *Guy and Carol McGiboney*.

Hospital Visitor:
Jon Williams

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



Silver Saints Luncheon

Silver Saints will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 13, at noon in the Martin Fellowship Hall. If you have a photo of your wedding, please bring it to share. Call Jean Elder if you have questions. All those who are eligible to join "AARP" and those in the Ambassador Choir are invited to attend!

Save The Date : Sunday, June 23rd, we will be having our church-wide summer picnic at the home of Jonathan and Sallie Paschal. Mark your calendars and let's all come and have great food and fellowship.

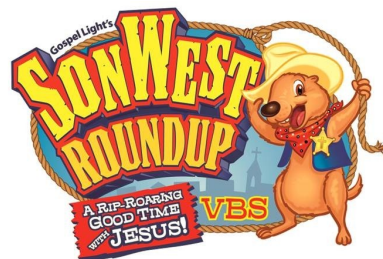


Bible Exhibit: The traveling exhibit "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible" will be held in Conyers at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library now through July 12, during library hours Monday- Thursday, 10:00 – 8:00 and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00. The exhibit consists of seven double-sided panels that examine, among other topics, how the King James Version of the Bible came to be written.

From the Witness Team: save the week of Sept. 22 for a **state-side mission trip**. Details will be released soon.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 9 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session meeting	Thursday, June 13 10:30 Ambassador Choir 12:00 Silver Saints' Lunch
Tuesday, June 11 4:00 Exercise	Sunday, June 16 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Newsletter deadline
Wednesday, June 12 4:00 Prayer Group	



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:
July 8-12

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 June:
toilet paper and 1 quart Koolaid packets

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:
Weesner Family

Ushers:
TBA

Next Week:
Rob & Kerry Jones Family

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 Loebke
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

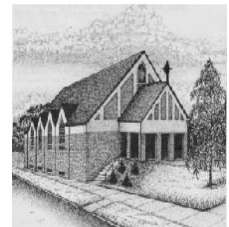
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

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>	



Third Sunday
after Pentecost
June 9, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Paul Manz
Toccata in G Major W. H. Pachelbel
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Jerry Westenkuehler

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 67

God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the people praise you, O God; let all people praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations on earth.
Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
God has blessed us, let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord!

✦ HYMN 469 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called each of us into being and have given us work to do, but we confess that we have been, at times, unhappy with our work, unproductive in our labors, and uncommitted to your will for our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to hear your call. By your Spirit equip us and enliven us for the work that is ours to do in the service of Christ, in whose name we pray. *(silence for personal reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Hymn 372, stanza 4
**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**