

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 353, stanza 1

SOLID ROCK

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God that surpasses all our understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

*I Saw the Cross of Jesus*

Victor Johnson

Sanctuary Choir

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened by my sin;  
I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;  
I brought my soul to Jesus, He cleansed it in his blood;  
And in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, it tells me what I am-  
A poor and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;  
No righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead;  
Yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour,  
My sure and certain refuge, my never failing tower;  
In every fear and conflict, I more than conqueror am;  
Living, I'm safe, of dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
I saw the cross of Jesus, the wondrous cross!

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Dan Walden

*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 READINGS

Micah 7:18-20

Romans 3:21-26

SERMON

The Rev. Al Myers

*"Do Your Feet Reach the Floor?"*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 221

PASSION CHORALE

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

arr. Gayden Sikes

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, make us faithful and trusting disciples, ready to follow your call and to offer our lives in response to your love; for we pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.**

✦ HYMN 166

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

*In an Age of Twisted Values*

CHURCH UNITED

Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Patrick and Janet Carmichael in memory of Patrick's brother, Richard Carmichael. The Carmichaels wish to express their appreciation for the love and kindness shown to them by the church family during the days surrounding Richard's illness and at his departure from this earthly life.

## Worship Notes

The Rev. Al Myers, former Pastor of the Conyers Presbyterian Church and good friend to this congregation, is preaching today.

Assisting in worship are The Rev. William B. Wade, Jr., and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.

\*Sermons from FPC can be heard on the church website: [fpccov.org](http://fpccov.org)



\*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

†Darris Burrell-home  
†Betty Lunsford-home  
†Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy  
†Ann Bouchillon-home  
†Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle  
†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery in Colorado (Lynn Miller's daughter)  
†Jan Coulon-home  
†David Sewell-knee replacement, home  
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma  
†Linda Pemberton-home, (mother of Tiffany McWaters, ELC Director)  
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)  
†Don Bollinger-home  
†Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)  
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment  
†Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)  
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)  
†Peni Haug-travel to Israel and Egypt from 2/24-3/13

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers  
†Gretchen Buendia- Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

### Riverside

†Joy Knight  
†Martha Borders  
†Rita Harrell

### Benton House

†George Stamps  
†Doris Mote

### Merryvale

†Bill Taylor  
†Elizabeth Gadilhe  
†Betty Robinson

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Carlvon Betts, an 11th grader at Newton High and the Career Academy, who died from injuries sustained in a car accident Wednesday. Carlvon was a long-time friend of several of the young people in our congregation.

### Hospital Visitor:

Day Kennon

*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

### Hunger Walk - Sunday, March 15th

Join us today as we head to Atlanta to be among the 15,000 walkers and runners who will be raising money and awareness to alleviate food poverty in our city. We will meet in the fellowship hall after worship for lunch together as we change into our walking shoes. Registration forms will be available there.

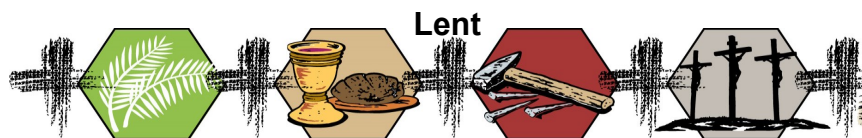
### “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” - featuring the Oxford Youth Singers

A taste of Broadway in Covington! March 20th and 21st at 7:00pm, March 22nd at 3:00pm, Porter Auditorium, 140 Ram Drive. Tickets are: \$15 Adult, \$10 Senior, \$5 Student. Our Youth Connection students will be attending together on Sunday, March 22nd.

FPELC's annual “An Art Affair” takes place on **March 27, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** at The Center, 2104 Washington Street. The teachers, students, parents, and Art Affair Committee have been planning a glorious evening. Ticket prices are \$15 for one ticket/\$25 for two. The gift baskets that are part of the annual raffle will be on display in the Connector next Sunday. You may purchase raffle tickets at that time and take a chance on the baskets you would hope to win. Your generosity and prayers for First Presbyterian Early Learning Center are much appreciated.

**Thornwell Mission Trip, Saturday, April 11- Wednesday, April 15.** Projects for all ages will be available. You may attend for some or all of the time. If interested, please sign up in the narthex. For more information, see Jan Giles or Perri Walden.

**Vacation Bible School - Save the Date - June 22-26**



### This Week at FPC

<p><b>Sunday, March 15</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Hunger Walk</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 17</b> 10:00 PW Coordinating Team meeting 4:00 Exercise class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 18</b> 4:00 Adventure Club</p>	<p>6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 19</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 22</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 OYS Musical</p>
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**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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Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for March** : canned vegetables.

**Baby Love:** The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

<p><b>Nursery Volunteers today</b> Weesner Family</p> <p><b>Next Week:</b> Rob &amp; Kerry Jones</p>	<p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

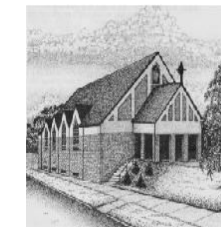
<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Bob Tabb Fletcher Stamps Jack Weesner</p>	<p><b>Class of 2016</b> Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden</p>	<p><b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adrian Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton</p>
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### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

<p>William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</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> Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
**March 15, 2015**



## Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* arr. Edwin T. Childs  
*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Walker's Southern Harmony 1835

### INTROIT

*In an Age of Twisted Values* CHURCH UNITED  
Sanctuary Choir

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.  
**Amen!**  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### ✦ HYMN 263

CORONATION  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess our sins to you, Father, Son and Spirit holy. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give:**  
**for our careless talk,**  
**our broken oaths,**  
**our empty speech,**  
**for all that we have left undone,**  
**for all that we have done amiss.**  
**Through the sacrifice of Christ our Lord on the cross,**  
**forgive us, wash us as white as snow, we pray.**  
 (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the Good News of the gospel: in the fullness of God's mercy our misdeeds are blotted out, by God's loving kindness our sins are washed away. Through the gift of the Spirit, we are assisted to forgive others as God forgives us through the Christ.

**Thanks be to God for these magnificent gifts! Amen.**