

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Clap Your Hands* Fedak
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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 Acts 5:21b-42

SERMON *Can I Get a Witness?* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Wherever He Leads I'll Go FALLS CREEK

✦ DOXOLOGY

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We confess you as Lord of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

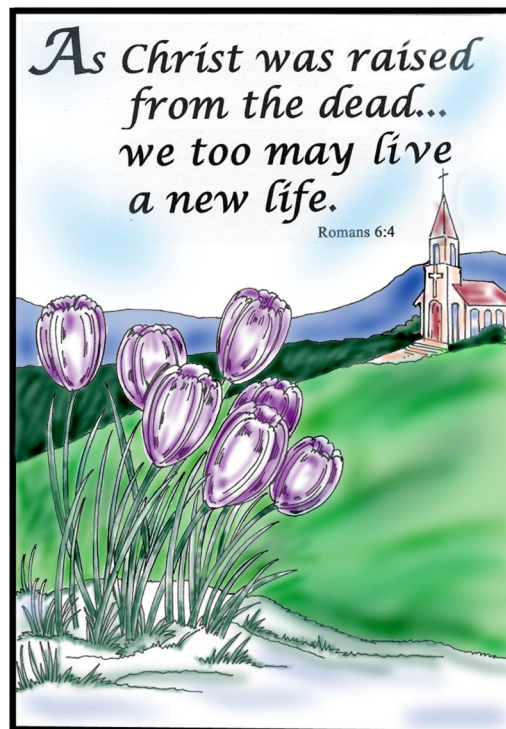
✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit ST. BRENDAN'S
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Minor* J.S. Bach

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Worship Notes

- * Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
- * The Prayer of Dedication comes from *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*, James G. Kirk.
- * 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

- † Evelyn Underwood, mother of Pam Stillerman - home
 - † Margarite Stillerman, mother of Jim Stillerman - hospice care
 - † Denny Dobbs' great niece - leukemia
 - † Maureen Picard - breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin)
 - † Jack Yoder - rehabilitation at Madison
 - † Mary Bollinger - fall, broken knee cap
 - † Jan Coulon - cancer treatment
 - † Velma Prescott - at daughter's home
 - † Judy Findlay - liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
 - † Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside
 - † Robert Fairey - heart surgery (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 - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; home
 - † Clarence Price - Parkview Manor
 - † 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
 - † Sylvia Smith—leukemia (friend of the Kennons)
 - † 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 - 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
 - † Frances Ivey
- We extend our prayers and sympathy for Darris Burrell and family in the death of her mother, Wannie Burdett.
- 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.



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:
July 8-12

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Presbyterian Women Circles...

Circle I - Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. will meet at the home of Ann Bouchillon,

Circle II—Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. will meet at the home of Judy Davis. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the church at 9:30. Call Betty Robinson, 770-786-7246 or Bettie Miller, 770-483-5694 if you plan to meet at the church.

Circle III—Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. will meet at the home of Alice Walker.

Circle IV—Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. will meet at the home of Stephanie Fortson.

Circle V—Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. will meet at the home of Anne Savage.

Mid-Week Feast takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu this week is: Ham, sweet potato, spinach pear salad, rolls. Bring a dessert to share. The cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for kids under 10. Please make reservations by filling out the reservation form found in the pew pocket or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

Wednesday Night Study Group: Join the study group on Wednesday, May 8, 2103, as they view a lecture by Dr. Amy Jill Levine. The group meets in the Parlor at 6:45 pm. following the Mid-Week Feast.

Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes: On Sunday, May 12 and May 19, our congregation will join with more than 200 Presbyterian churches in Georgia in support of the Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide exceptional care and services for more than 400 elderly residents who have outlived their financial resources. An anonymous benefactor has offered to match each church's Mother's Day Offering for those churches where a church member or group of members step forward to match the amount raised from the offering in their church. The good news is that someone in our congregation has stepped forward to match the amount FPC gives. **The benefactor's challenge gift has the potential to triple the Mother's Day Offering.** Remember to bring your Mother's Day Offering and please give generously.

The Ambassador Choir will sing at Rockdale Baptist Church on Thursday, May 9. Meet at FPC at 8:00 am.

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, May 5 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, May 7 Circles (see times above) 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, 8 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:45 DVD Study Group</p> <p>Thursday, May 9 8:00 Ambassador Choir 11:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection</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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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 May:

One meal boxed dinners with meat in them,
Spaghetti-Os, ravioli, noodle rings

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:
The Bates Family

Next Week:
The Henderson Family

Ushers:
Gary & Susan Boteler

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

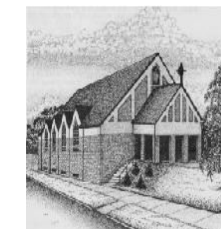
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

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>		



**Sixth Sunday
of Easter
May 5, 2013**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Toccata Eroica* Edward Broughton
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult Jack W. Jones
I Danced in the Morning Emma Lou Diemer

INTROIT *We Are One in the Spirit* ST. BRENDAN'S
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!

✦ **HYMN 487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Because we have seen pain without being moved,
because we forget your love with solemn pride,
because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**For speaking of love without loving our sister or
brother, for speaking of faith without living your word,
because we live without seeing our personal evil, our
sin, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy
on us.**

**For our tranquility in our affluent life, for our great
falseness in preaching about poverty, for wanting
to make excuses for injustice and misery,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LAUDA ANIMA

(Hymn 479, stanza 1)
**Praise my soul, the God of Heaven, glad of heart, your
carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who,
like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!**