

✦ **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**
As forgiven people of God, we are freed to love and extend God's peace to others.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Felix Mendelssohn
"He, Watching Over Israel" from *Elijah*
Sanctuary Choir

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.

Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye. Psalm 17/Kosche
Children's Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Most Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to receive your words with joy by the insight of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:13-22

SERMON *We Cannot Help But Speak* William B. Wade Jr.
Rod Pruner Meghann Timmins Patti Lanford

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 372**, stanza 4 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

✦ **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 *The Bond of Love* Otis Skillings

Josephine Mak, violin Alice Walker, piano

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SCHUMANN
Hymn 428, stanza 1
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
You have so graciously provided for us out of the abundance of your love, dear Lord, and we give you thanks. We thank you for the beauty of this earth that sustains life, for society and its cultures, for those who serve others in your justice, peace, and love. Thank you for the love of family and friends and for those who have gone before us who have taught us your Way. For all your many gifts you so graciously lavish upon us, we give you thanks and praise. Use these gifts of money and all our gifts, O Lord, to further your work of compassion in the world. To Christ's glory we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 335**, stanza 3 O WALY, WALY
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** (on back of bookmark)

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *We Are Called* David Haas
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Andante Maestoso* G. F. Handel

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, will assist with the worship service 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

† Frank Luton-gallbladder surgery
† Jean Oldham-home
† Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
† Joe Schell-complications of diabetes (father of Krissy Jones)
† Kathryn Wallace-home
† Clarence Price-rehab, Jonesboro
† Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)
† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
† Rebecca Bates-chemotherapy
† Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
† Chris Martin-surgery October 2
† Frank Davis-home
† Velma Prescott-daughter's home
† Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of Pam Stillerman)
† Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
† Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
† Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of the Liems)
† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
† Roland Nelson-very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
† Claude Bennett-friend of Milton Patton
† Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant
† 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

Benton House
† Helen and George Stamps
† Mary Crudup
† Doris Mote
† Frances Ivey

Covington Square
† Rita Harrell
† Joy Knight

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

We extend our prayers and sympathy for the family and friends of Richard Katenkamp who died on September 21. He was a friend of the Liems.

Congratulations to Jessica Hinton who graduated last month from Emory University, receiving her Nurse Practitioner degree. Last week she passed her state board exam and is credentialed as Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified. She begins her new position with Emory at Grady Memorial Hospital on Oct. 1. Jessica is a member of FPC and the daughter of Harry and Tricia Hinton.

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.

Worship Bucks: Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire tithe once each month or even year for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However, there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace.

The Session of FPC ("ruling elders") are encouraging all of us to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing "thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil." (Book of Order W-2.5003)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Today is Evangelism Sunday. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and others to church, especially if they do not already have a church home. Spread the Word!

Elder/Session Nominating Forms are inserted into this bulletin.

Adventure Club is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th. We'll meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.** to learn about God and God's people through games, drama, music and arts & crafts.

Mid-Week Feast: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for supper. The menu this week will be a soup bar. Bring desserts to share. Please fill out a reservation form which can be found in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. You also may call or e-mail the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP meets at 6:45 p.m. In the church parlor after Mid-Week Feast. Upcoming studies during October will be BBC presentations of:

ANCIENT EVIDENCE MYSTERIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors
Joshua and the Walls of Jericho
David and Goliath

The **Witness Team** is sponsoring a drive to collect household items for **The World Relief Refugee Center** in Clarkston, GA. This organization helps to place refugee families in apartments. Items include good used pots, pans, dishes, bed linens, towels, lamps and furniture pieces. There will be a collection bin in the hallway for items, or if you prefer, a member of the Witness Team will pick up the donations at your home. You may contact Judy Davis at 770-464-4025 or Jean Elder at 770-787-7951 for further information.


This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, September 29 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesday, October 1 10:00 Circle 1 and 2 10:30 Circle 3 4:00 Exercise 7:00 Circle 4 and 5</p> <p>Wednesday, October 2 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Study Group</p>	<p>Thursday, October 3 10:30 Ambassador Choir Room</p> <p>Sunday, October 6 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship 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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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 September
macaroni and cheese
ramen noodles

Food Pantry Needs

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Volunteers today The Moss Family Next Week: TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ushers Aubrey Evans Roger Tingler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Engineer: Ken Walker</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

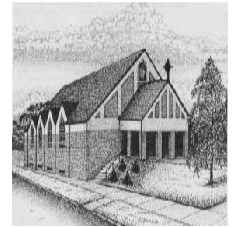
<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2013 Patrick Carmichael Judy Davis Denny Dobbs Aubrey Evans Dave Gregory</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2014 Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 2015 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber</p>
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

<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 & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Krissy Jones <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
September 29, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ
Canon in D Johann Pachelbel
Our Great Savior Tom Fetteke
Josephine Mak, violin Alice Walker, piano

INTROIT YE BANKS AND BRAES
Within the Shelter of the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Tory and Liane Bouchillon
God calls us,
according to God's own purpose and grace.
God's grace has been revealed through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Our Savior abolished death and brought eternal life.
We are witnesses of Christ Jesus.
We have been appointed heralds for the gospel.

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 356** NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Dan Walden, guitar

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Searcher of hearts, you have known us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our lives with the desires of the world. We have been timid in speaking of your great love. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy and forgive us. Gracious God, searcher of hearts, help us to know and live in your forgiving light. Empower and embolden us to live with such joy and fire and love that all the world may know of your love. We ask in the name that is above all names, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** TAIZÉ
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
(sung repeatedly)

✦ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Psalm 103:11-12