

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

David Hurd

Lord, You Have Searched Me (Psalm 139)

Danny Vining, solo Sanctuary Choir

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there, if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

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

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

What Cost?

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 359

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More Love to Thee, O Christ

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith IX.5*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.

He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we

may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and the threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Celtic Farewell

Lamb

FPC Handbell Ensemble Robert Sewell, trombone

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks, dear God, for all your goodness and love in our lives and in the world. Open our mouths that we may proclaim your praises. Take our hands and let them work for you. Take our feet and move them in the paths you set before us; for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 429

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦ POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Fanfare

Leon Nelson

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ◆ 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 you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Kathryn Wallace-rehab at Riversidegery for broken hip

†Doug Bolton, arm surgery

†Kim Floyd - Emory Mid-town (mother of Chelsie Coggins, ELC teacher)

†Clarence Price-Emory Mid-town

†Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)

†Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

†Rebecca Bates-chemotherapy

†Barbara Johnson--cancer treatment

†Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)

†Chris Martin-cancer treatment

†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)

†Danielle Schubert-chemotherapy, home

†Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems)

†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)

†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

†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 McClure

†Frances Ivey

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell

†Joy Knight

Merryvale

†Doris Hicks

†Bill Taylor

†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Martha Borders

We celebrate with **Chris & Kingsley Allen** on the birth of their daughter **Hadley Rian Allen**. She was born on September 2nd . She is the: sister of **Ethan Booth**, granddaughter of **Dennis & Lelia Raines**, great-granddaughter of **Hughie & Foster Hudson** the nephew of **Aaron & Mandi Roberts**. We also congratulate **Carol Capell** on the birth of a grandson, **Joseph Baine Breslin**.

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.

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

Congregational Meeting today for the purpose of electing 3 members to the Nominating Committee to elect new elders. Patrick Carmichael and Billy Fortson are the session members serving on the committee.

Session Meeting: The session will meet today after the worship service. This is the regular monthly meeting; new members will be received.

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: fried chicken, green beans, corn and rolls. 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.

Wednesday Night Study Group

The Wednesday night Study Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Parlor following the Mid-Week Feast and welcomes both our returning and new participants. For more information, please call Jean Blair 404-678-3251.



This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, September 8 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship Service and Congregational Meeting 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Monday, September 9 5:30 Witness Team Meeting in the Jubilee classroom</p> <p>Tuesday, September 10 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, September 11 4:00 Adventure Club</p>	<p>Wednesday continued 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Study Group</p> <p>Thursday, September 12 10:30 Ambassador Choir Room</p> <p>Sunday, September 15 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship TBA 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 September
macaroni and cheese
ramen noodles

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

The Jessup Family

Next Week:

The Ardis Family

Ushers

Aubrey Evans

Roger Tingler

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</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	
	<i>and Children's Ministry</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Director of the</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



*Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

September 8, 2013

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Michael Burkhardt
 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE
 America the Beautiful Eleanor Whitsett

INTROIT *Will you come and follow me?* KELVINGROVE
 Bob Tabb, solo Lisa Bouchillon and Darcel Tabb, duet
 Sanctuary Choir

✠ **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 476** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess we have been poor students. We have listened to the words, but we have not learned the lessons. We have been slow to accept your truth, reluctant to interpret your truth to the lives we lead and to the issues of our world. Likewise, Lord, we confess that we have been poor teachers. We have been timid in telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love. We have frequently passed on only those portions of your truth that are comforting, while keeping silent on those portions that are demanding. Forgive us, we pray, O God, for our poor stewardship of the minds and hearts you have given us to use for your glory; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(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!***

