

## ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Promises of God* arr. Larson

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
"Glory in the highest," I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*I'm standing on the promises, I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

## 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 READINGS

Genesis 2:1-3  
Exodus 20:8-11  
Mark 2:23-28

SERMON *Remember the Sabbath?* William B. Wade, Jr.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 170 CRIMOND

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Shorter Catechism*

Question 1: What is the chief end of human beings?

Answer: **Our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* Neil Harmon

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, from our first steps and all along the way, you have blessed us with goodness and mercy. Your loving kindness never fails. So we bring with gratitude the fruit of our labors, the service of our hands and the songs of our hearts. Bless not only what we bring for others but what we keep to use in your name. Grant that we may walk with you, always and in everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE CWM RHONDDA  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Ambassador Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Maestoso* Mark Kellner

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

### Worship Notes

There are over 30 confessional documents produced by our Reformed Tradition over the years. These documents are public declarations of what the Church has believed through the years. The Shorter Catechism is a teaching document, based on the Westminster Confession of Faith (mid 17th century).

- ◆ 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-surgery for broken hip  
†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  
†Sherry Glover-surgery (Cub Scout parent)  
†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 extend our sympathy and prayers for **Alan Bunn** on the death of his uncle, **Jack Bunn**, last week and for **Barbara Martin** in the death of her cousin, **Maureen Picard**, who died on Thursday.*

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

*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.*

### THE ATLANTA CONCERT RINGERS HANDBELL ENSEMBLE IS COMING TO FPC!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m. The Atlanta Concert Ringers Handbell Ensemble will be performing a concert in our sanctuary at First Presbyterian, Covington.

Founded in 2002, The Atlanta Concert Ringers (ACR) is made up of experienced handbell ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area, ringing six octaves of handbells. This diverse group is made up of experienced ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area. All are welcome to come and hear the Atlanta Concert Ringers. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the concert. We'll see you there!

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**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: hamburgers, potato salad, chips, buns, lettuce, tomato and cheese. 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 SECRETS OF MARY MAGDALENE; THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS - The Lost Version of Christ's Betrayal; ANCIENT EVIDENCE - Mysteries of the Old Testament

These are a few of the BBC and National Geographic films that we will view and discuss at our weekly gatherings. The Wednesday night Study Group will meet 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.

At the Fall Unit **Meeting of Presbyterian Women**, Michael Morgan, noted collector of ancient Psalters and Bibles, will present a lecture-exhibit on "**Bible Translation Through Women's Eyes.**" Mr. Morgan is nationally known for his extensive collection of antique Psalters and Bibles dating back several centuries. The meeting will be on **Thursday evening, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.** Dessert will be served at 6.30 p.m., with Mr. Morgan's presentation and a short business meeting following. All women are cordially invited!

### Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation at the end of the worship service on **Sunday, September 8**, 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.

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, September 1

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
Youth Confirmation Class  
11:00 Worship Service

#### Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Office closed

#### Tuesday, September 3

4:00 Exercise

#### Wednesday, September 4

4:00 Adventure Club  
4:00 Prayer Group  
6:00 Mid-week Feast  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir  
6:45 DVD Study Group

#### Thursday, September 5

10:30 Ambassador Choir Room  
6:30 Presbyterian Women's meeting

#### Sunday, September 8

9:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
Youth Confirmation Class  
11:00 Worship

### 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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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

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Covington, Georgia 30014-2314



### 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 Henderson Family

#### Next Week:

The Jessup 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 Loebler  
Darcel Tabb  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton

#### Class of 2015

Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman  
Kevin Weber

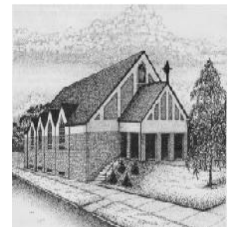
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**September 1, 2013**



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

*Come, Christian Folk*

J. S. Bach

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Douglas Wagner

Alice Walker, organ

*Duet for Two Trombones*

O. Blume

Bill Cobham, trombone     Robert Sewell, trombone

#### INTROIT

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

#### ☩ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer longs for flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

The Lord is here. Come, and be filled.

#### ☩ HYMN 481

LLANFAIR

*Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

#### ☩ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we have offered thanksgiving out of our abundance, and confused being comfortable with being blessed. We have filled ourselves with that which does not satisfy. We have assigned great importance to things of little consequence. So often we have not truly acknowledged Christ as first in our lives, or sought his kingdom among us. Forgive us and make us new people, for we pray in Christ's name.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

#### ☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

REST

Hymn 345, stanzas 4 & 5

***Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.***

***Breathe through the heat of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire. O still, small voice of calm.***

### 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.***