

# With Sympathy

First Pres expresses condolences to the family of former member Tom Fullerton who passed away on May 7, 2012 in Colorado.

Please remember to lift up Judy and Bob Klein in the recent loss of a grandson.

## ***VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE***

### **Elder of the Month Russ Childers**

**May 13:** Ushers: - Jim Buffaloe, Russ Childers, Lee Gibson, and David Rhyne;  
Radio Announcer: Ella Hawkins; Bk Sharon McFarland

Greeters: Eddie and Betty Anne Ward

Nursery: Need Volunteers

Preschool SS: Julie Usher

K-2<sup>nd</sup> SS: Julie Usher

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> SS: Kathy Furney

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> SS: Bill Krenson

Children's Church: Victoria Herron

**May 20:** Ushers: -Kirk Lyman-Barner, (Capt); Darryl Hawkins; +2

Radio Announcer: Hap Tietjen; Bk Eddie Ward

Greeters: Hap & Mildred Tietjen

Nursery: Need Volunteers

Preschool SS: Julie Usher

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Children's Church: Kathy Sheffield

## ***Happening This Week***

### **Sunday, May 13**

No Rolling Stones Youth Group

### **Monday, May 14**

12 Noon - PW Noon Circle

7:00p.m. - PW Night Circle

### **Tuesday, May 15**

8:00p.m. - FPC vs Union Tabernacle (green field)

### **Wednesday, May 16**

6:00p.m. - WNS

7:00p.m. - Choir Practice

### **Thursday, May 17**

12:00p.m. - Personnel Committee Meeting

8:00p.m. - FPC vs R.O.C. (green field)

### **Saturday, May 19**

10:00a.m.- Presbyterian 101/New Members Class with lunch to follow

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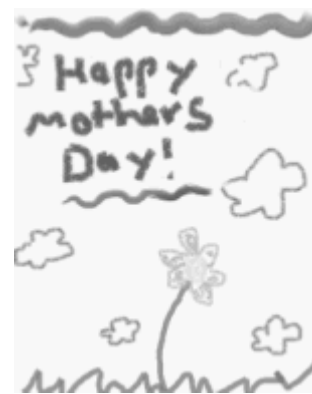
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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Americus, Georgia**

**A community of faith, responding to God's call  
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.**

**Welcome to Worship!** We hope and pray that you are embraced by God's Love through our members, our pastor, and our staff this morning. If you are a guest, please fill out one of our yellow guest cards so we can be in touch with you. We invite you to join us this Wednesday for our church supper at 6 p.m. and to Sunday School next week at 10:00a.m.

**May 13, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.**

***Happy Mother's Day***

**PRELUDE**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Shawn Burton, Organist**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Holy Ground*

**Chancel Choir**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN (#473 Blue Hymnal)**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Father God, you made it very clear that we are to honor our mothers in the Ten Commandments: "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Unfortunately we have broken this commandment too many times to count. We love our mothers very dearly, but at times we have been disrespectful, rude, self-centered and neglectful towards them. Forgive us for not living up to your commands O Lord. Forgive us for taking our mother's love for granted. If our mother has passed on to eternity, please help us to find peace and to embrace that peace. If our mother is still with us, help us to love her with all of our heart, our mind, and our soul. Help us to honor her, to protect her, and to bless her as she has blessed us. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, our Savior...***(Moment for Silent Personal Confession)*...Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Because He Lives*

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life and is worth the living just because He lives.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

\*\*\*Children ages three to 1st grade may be dismissed to Children’s Church \*\*\*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Hymn of Promise*

**Chancel Choir**

**\*HYMN (see insert)**

*Hymn of Promise*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Proverbs 31 (selected verses)

**MESSAGE**

*“The Blessing of a godly Mother”*

**Rev. Danny Loffredo**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**OFFERTORY**

*When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

**Shawn Burton, Organist**

**\*DOXOLOGY-HYMN #592**

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**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT (see insert)**

*Faith of Our Mothers*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune*

**Shawn Burton, Organist**

The congregation welcomes all persons who respond in trust and obedience to God’s grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the membership and ministry of his church, solely on the basis of profession of faith. If you desire to join our church family, have questions about the faith, or would like to get involved in the church, please speak with the pastor following the service.

**\*Please Stand As You Are Able**

Special thank you to Nate Herron and his team of volunteers who put together the BBQ fundraiser for the soft-ball team! Thank you to everyone who purchased plates to support the team. You Rock!



**Presbyterian 101/  
New Member Class  
will be held on Saturday, May 19,  
from 10:00a.m. to 12:30p.m.**

*Lunch to be served  
following the class.*

**Please call the church office at  
924-2162 to make reservations.**

**Special Mother’s  
Day Offering --**



Today 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. In 60 years of ministry, Presbyterian Homes has never asked a resident to leave due to their depleted funds. Last year, the Caring Hands Fund provided more than \$4 million in benevolent care at its four communities. Please give generously. *Thank you.*