



# Passion / Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Barbara Franklin

Elder Greeter  
Cosper Bell

Ushers  
Toby Falk and Wayne Claeren

## Gathering

**First Ringing of the Bell** ∞ Music for Meditation

**Second Ringing of the Bell** ∞ Opening of the Bible

**Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission**

Barbara Franklin

**Prelude**

*Fanfare Prelude on  
"All Glory Laud and Honor"*

Southbridge

## Call to Worship

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes,**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

One: The Lord is God, and God has given us light. Bind up the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God ALWAYS  
KEEPS HIS Promises

## Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Hymn #88

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
*Traditional*

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## Prayer of Confession

Lord, so often we see only our sins and failures and not Your mercy and grace. So often we focus on the destruction and damages in life, feeling hopelessness and despair rather than choosing to accept the healing and hope in life You would give us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us accept Your new life for us that our lives might praise You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## Moment for Personal, Silent Confession

**The Kyrie Eleison**

*-All are invited to sing-*

Hymnal # 572

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

†The Gloria Patri

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 Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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*The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication*

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Time with the Young Church

♫Solo

*The King of Love  
Soloist: Julie Kochan*

Stuart Townend  
and J.K. Jamieson

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11

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*Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Palms to Passion**

**Rev. Dr. Bob Ford**

†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn

*This Is My Father's World*

Hymnal #293

**Offertory**

*O Love Divine,  
What Has Thou Done?*

Arr. Sam Batt Owens

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

## Sending

†Hymn

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Hymnal #447

†Charge and Benediction

†Hymn

*Song of Hope*

Hymnal # 432

*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

**Postlude**

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Vetter

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To be a human being is to encounter, and to suffer through, tragedies. We humans experience the tragic in personal and social dimensions. And yet, because of the passion and cross of Christ, we also know that God is with us in our times of tragedy, particularly there. Jesus Christ is God with us, Emmanuel, with us all the way through suffering and death.

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## Welcome to our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.

**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. The Pastor will receive requests before the Prayers of the People.

### Announcements

**Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC)** – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring canned pasta, canned fruits, canned soups, and beef stew to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

**Session Meeting** - The Session will meet today at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

We will observe **Maundy Thursday on April 17** with a 5pm service at Covenant Presbyterian Church, led by Lin Veasey. Our congregation is also invited to the **Easter Sunrise Service** at Covenant on April 20 at 7:30am followed by a potluck breakfast at 8am.

Barbara Franklin will have a **Moment for Mission** during today's service. **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be collected next Sunday.

We welcome **Rev. Bob Ford** as our guest pastor for today's service.



In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
Gene Fair  
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)  
Kelly Garner  
Bobby Haynes  
Stacy Boozer Mariani  
Ken Mount  
Dan Neisler  
Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)  
Carolyn Paris  
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)  
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)  
Ellen Simpson  
Thompson Nash Wagoner  
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



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Next Sunday – April 20

Easter Sunday

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

#### Scripture

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43;  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

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#### Lay Reader

Margaret Pope

#### Ushers

Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour



#### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer  
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

#### The Session

**Class of 2014**  
Wayne Claeren  
Barbara Franklin  
Laura Underhill

**Class of 2015**  
Aleta Bell  
Carolyn Padgett  
Sharon Ward

**Class of 2016**  
Ethelyn Brown  
Margaret Pope  
Donald Seymour

Lana Boozer

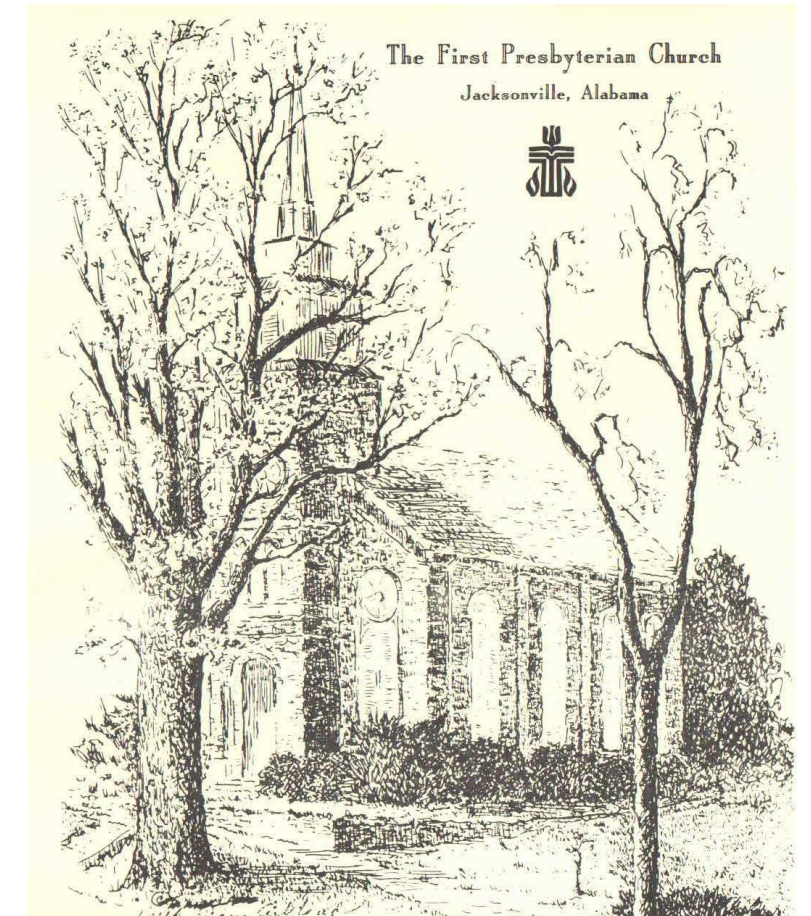
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.