

 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
August 18, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter
Carolyn Padgett

Ushers
Carlton and Sharon Ward

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Little Prelude in E Minor Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

One: The earth lights up in blazing life as Christ walks through its realities.

All: The heat of indignation burns as the Creator stands among the oppressed and gathers them into loving arms.

One: The presence of the Holy Spirit challenges all, as one who does not stand for injustices and raises a red flame of truth in our midst.

All: We tremble in awe and humble hope as we come near to your holiness, O God of all that lives.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Hymnal #106

Affirmation of Faith *Faith Statement written by Nathan Ballard*

I believe that God created the universe and gave us the ability to understand all of his creations. I believe that Jesus is the Messiah and that he died for our sins. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead. I believe that God listens to my prayers and always takes care of me. I am a child of God and God will always be with me.

Prayer of Confession

Zealous God, we confess, like your people Israel, that we tire of being "the chosen." Could you not just leave us alone every once in a while? Sometimes this "Christian stuff" gets a bit much. Life goes on and we have lives to live. Yet, unrelenting, you refuse to leave us alone. You are, after all, a zealous God. You startle us from our reveries by gathering us into your dream time, into your Church. May we, thus gathered, be so inspired by your Spirit that our lives never tire, that we have the energy now to wait, to rest, in the goodness and beauty of your truth. 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

Responsive Psalm

based on Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of the people, you who lead us like a flock!

All: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before all the nations. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

One: You brought us like a vine out of the land of captivity, as you led the oppressed to freedom. You planted us in new soil. You cleared the ground for us; we took deep root and filled the land.

All: The mountains were covered with the shade of this vine, the mighty cedars with our branches. Our branches stretch to the sea, and our shoots to the River.

One: Why then have you broken down the walls that protect us, so that all who pass along the way pluck this fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

All: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Amen.

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

† Please stand if you are able.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

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Jesus declares that his startling mission is to cast fire upon the earth and to divide families, and that he has come to work remarkable change in the world.

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Time with the Young People

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

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Isaiah depicts Israel as an unproductive vineyard that produces only wild, useless grapes.

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

Sermon

A Love Song Gone Sour

Rev. Tom Winter

†Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Hymnal #285

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Abide With Me (TUNE: EVENTIDE)

Robert Hobby

†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

Sending

†Hymn

Abide with Me

Hymnal #543

†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

Praise My Soul (TUNE: LAUDA ANIMA)

Robert Hobby



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 one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

Nursery will be provided for all children 6 years and under.

Prayer requests - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

Announcements

Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC)
– Today we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small packages of dry beans, Bisquick, spaghetti noodles, and spaghetti sauce to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

We Especially Invite You to our monthly Church Dinner immediately following the service today. Please join us for this time of wonderful food and fellowship.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Larry Clark (Sharon Ward's uncle)
Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Bobby Haynes
Joy Kelly and Family
Robert MacRae
Stacy Boozer Mariani
Bob Moore
Ken Mount
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
Thompson Nash Wagoner



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Next Sunday –August 25

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Jerimiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Elder Greeter

Carolyn Padgett

Lay Reader

David Talley

Ushers

Trish and Nathan Ballard



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor
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Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session

Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

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Gary Brown
Jetta Manners
Ivan Ratzlaff

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

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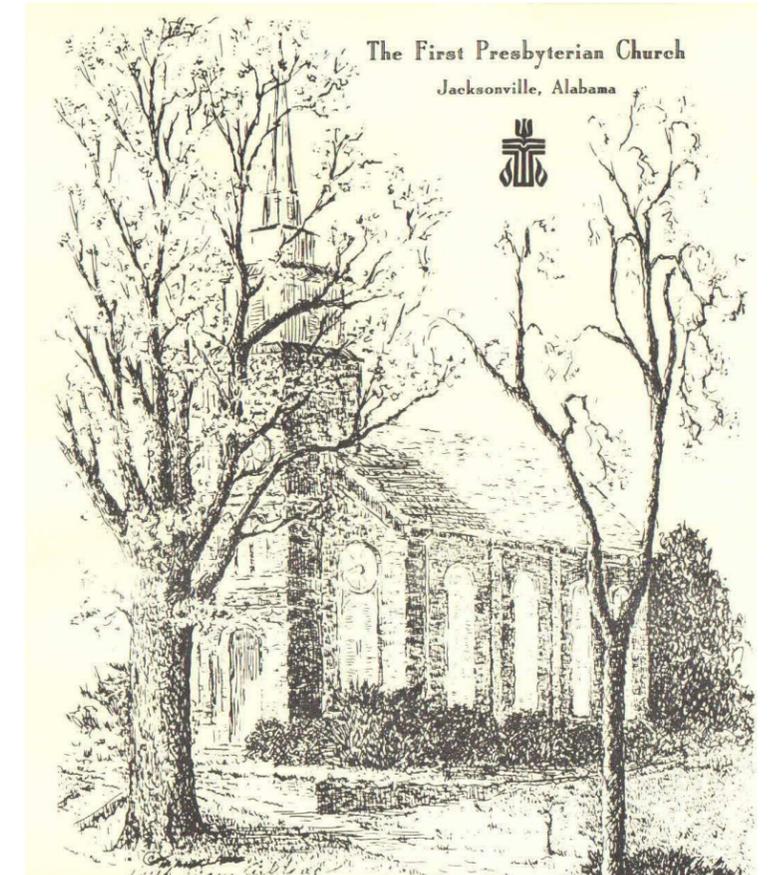
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.