



21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 24, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter  
Margaret Pope

Ushers  
Trish and Nathan Ballard

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Elegiac Prelude on "Jerusalem"* Charles Callahan

## Call to Worship

*Divine Majesty and Human Dignity*

*Psalm 8*

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

One: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O LORD,  
our Lord,  
how  
MAJESTIC  
is your  
name!

## Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* Hymnal #139

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14  
*traditional*

## Prayer of Confession

We, who were meant to be light, showing people the way to salvation, are too often an obstruction. Forgive me, our Father, for any anger or scorn, suspicion or ingratitude, smallness or meanness this week which may have spread darkness instead of light. Help us now to live in such a way that people will wonder about the love that is in us, and so be led to our Lord. 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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 OT Page 590  
*Wisdom's Part in Creation*

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

Gospel Reading Mark 2:23—3:6 NT Page 36  
*Pronouncement about the Sabbath*

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

Sermon **Making Decisions** Rev. Monty Clendenin



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymnal #151

## Prayers of the People

Offertory *Meditation on "Thaxed"* Arr. Callahan  
*(from the Planets by Gustav Holst)*

### †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 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Hymnal #285

## †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 *Presto from Sonata in C Minor* Pescetti

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There are only two states of being: submission to God and goodness or the refusal to submit to anything beyond one's own will – which refusal automatically enslaves one to the forces of evil. We must ultimately belong either to God or the devil. This paradox was, of course, expressed by Christ when he said, "Whoever will save his life shall lose it. And whosoever shall lose his life, for my sake, shall find it."

M. Scott Peck: *People of the Lie*

Wisdom

## 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.

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*The Sabbath was made for Humankind, and not  
Humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is  
Lord even of the Sabbath.*

Mark 2:27



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

**Please keep the following people in your prayers.**

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
Dorothy DiBartolo  
Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)  
Gene Fair  
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)  
Lynsey Gillam  
Bobby Haynes  
Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)  
Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)  
Ken Mount  
Dan Neisler  
Diane Mount Nisbet  
Carolyn Paris  
Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)  
Ellen Simpson  
Rodney Sprayberry  
Thompson Nash Wagoner  
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



**Next Sunday – August 31**

*Rev. Monty Clendenin*

**Scripture**

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c;  
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Elder Greeter**

Margaret Pope

**Lay Reader**

Carolyn Padgett

**Ushers**

Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren



**Worship Opportunities for this Week**

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00pm	Bible Study
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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  
Don Seymour

**Trustees**  
Lana Boozer

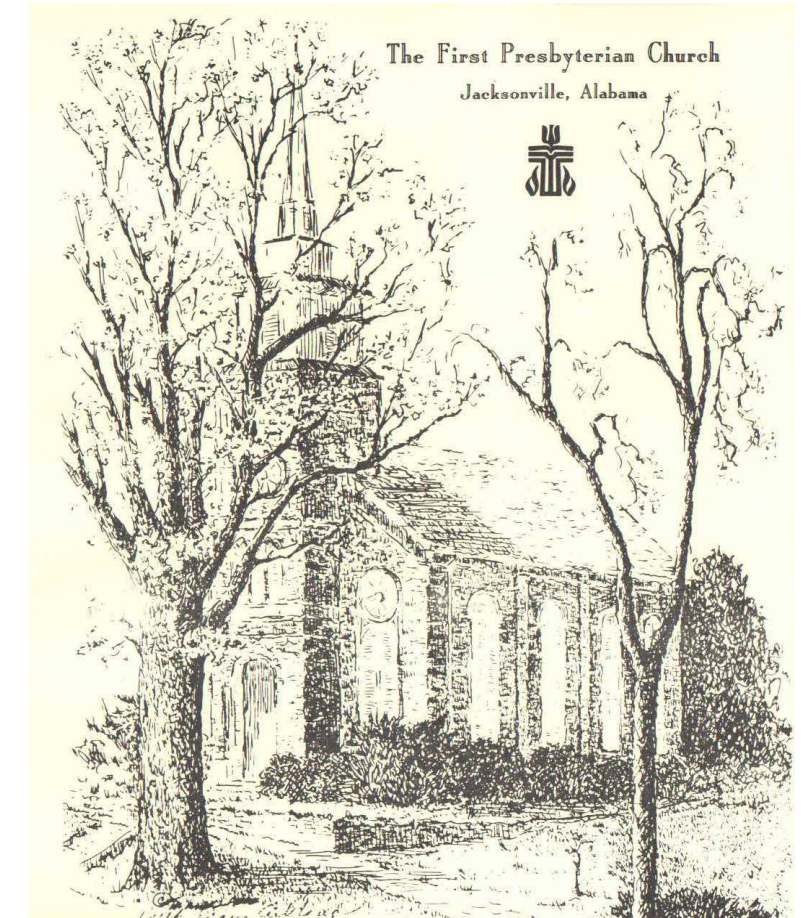
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