



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2014

Dr. Banyon Allison

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Virginia MacRae

Elder Greeter
Margaret Pope

Ushers
Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Devotional Piece No. 9 on Modal Theme* Paul Benoit

Call to Worship

Psalm 17:1-7, 15 *Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors*

One: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

All: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

One: As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

All: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

One: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Morning Has Broken* Hymnal #469

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

JACOB
WRESTLES
WITH
GOD

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous Creator, we confess how often we take your gifts for granted! How little we truly appreciate clean water and air, safe homes and streets, until these are threatened and endangered even as are so many animal and bird species in creation! We confess we have not cared for the garden of earth as you intend, but have exploited its resources for our own kingdom-building ends, instead of honoring you by being grateful care-takers of the abundance surrounding us. Neither have we given as we have received. And although the evidence of your overflowing provision is all around us, we live in a mind-set of scarcity rather than abundance. Forgive our sin, and enlighten our minds and hearts, that our lives may express the generosity of your love.

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

First Reading Genesis 32:22-31 OT Page 30
Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

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

Epistle Reading Romans 9:1-5 NT Page 159
God's Election of Israel

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 13-21 NT Page 16
Feeding the Five Thousand

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

Sermon **Doubt . . . A Friend of Faith!?!** Dr. Banyon Allison

†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* Hymnal #324

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Devotional Piece No. 6 on Modal Theme* Paul Benoit

†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 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* Hymnal #539

†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 *Postlude on "Llanfair"* Robert Powell

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Doubt may not be the antithesis of faith but rather a precursor to faith, an expected, essential aspect of faith. Sometimes our gravest doubts are not that Jesus Christ is Lord but rather that Jesus Christ would call and reach the world through people like us!

Doubt
Faith

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

Special Offering - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

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

Worship Service - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, August 10th.



We welcome back **Dr. Banyon Allison** as our guest minister for today's services.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

James (Jamie) Clendenin (Monty Clendenin's son)
 Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
 Gene Fair
 John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)
 Lynsey Gillam
 Bobby Haynes
 Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)
 Ken Mount
 Dan Neisler
 Diane Mount Nisbet
 Carolyn Paris
 Ellen Simpson
 Thompson Nash Wagoner
 Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – August 10

Lin Veasey, CRE

Scripture

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
 Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Elder Greeter

Margaret Pope

Lay Reader

Laura Underhill

Ushers

Hannah and Steve Underhill

Servers

Cosper Bell, Barbara Franklin,
 Carolyn Padgett, and Laura Underhill



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Day	Time	Activity
Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study

**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

Lana Boozer

Trustees
 Carlton Ward

Cosper Bell

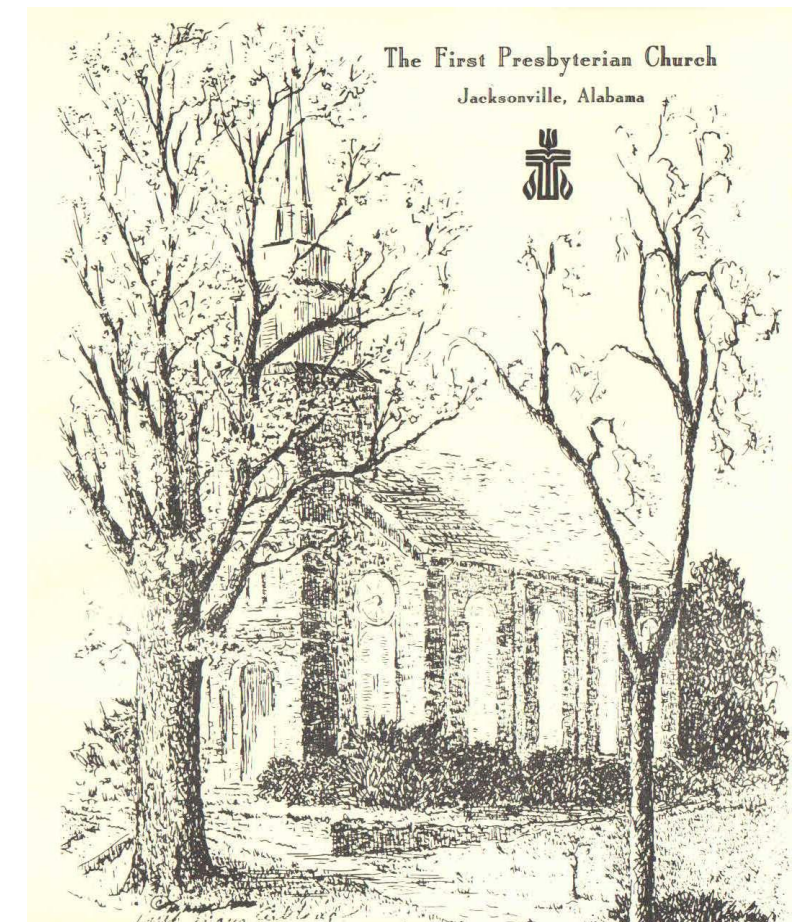


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