



**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 16, 2015

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Margaret Pope

Elder Greeter  
Bonnie Seymour

Ushers  
Mary Agnes Hester and  
Millie Neisler

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J.S. Bach

## Call to Worship

*Praise for God's Wonderful Works* Psalm 111: 1-6a, 7-10

One: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

One: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**All: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

One: They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hymnal #142



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

### Prayer of Confession

Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We take credit for our strength without thought of your gifts. When honors are bestowed, we treat them as our due. We claim as our victories the triumphs of your grace. You shower us with blessings, which we ignore. You bring new life; we take it for granted. Deliver us from our vain ways, and forgive our smug complacency. Turn our boasting to thanksgiving for Christ's power within us. *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

First Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 OT Page 304  
*King David is succeeded by his son Solomon, who asked only one gift of God.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 NT Page 194  
*Let your lives be like a song of thanks to the Lord, Paul urges the Ephesians.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Thankful Living** Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

*In*  
**EVERYTHING**  
*give thanks.*

†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *O for a Closer Walk with God* Hymnal #396

### Prayers of the People

Offertory *Chorale Prelude on "St. Cuthbert"* Healey Willan

†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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymnal #298

### †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 *Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn* Charles Callahan  
(Deo Gracias)

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The church at Ephesus is urged to give thanks always, in all circumstances. How is such gratitude and thanksgiving possible? An attitude of gratitude, in every circumstance in life, is only possible as an act of faith, arising out of the conviction that God is good and that God works in all of life's situations, sometimes subtly, sometimes not on our timeline, but always and everywhere to bring us to God's good purposes.



## 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)** – Today we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small packages 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.

**Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Parlor.



*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*

*John F. Kennedy*



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

Nate Adams (friend of Bob Ford)  
 Scott Ballard  
 Autumn Campbell  
 Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
 Dorothy DiBartolo  
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)  
 Gene Fair  
 Larry Fair  
 Charlie Firestine (childhood friend of Steve Underhill)  
 Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)  
 Lynsey Gillam  
 Bobby Haynes  
 Lee Manners  
 Carla Moses  
 Curtis Sasser  
 Ellen Simpson  
 Mary Stinson (friend of Bobby Haynes)  
 Thompson Nash Wagoner  
 Dave Walters  
 Marge Walters  
 Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



**Next Sunday – August 23**

*Rev. Monty Clendenin*

### Scripture

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43;  
 Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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Bonnie Seymour

### Lay Reader

Wayne Claeren

### Ushers

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<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Third Sunday Dinner
	5:00pm	Bible Study
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Cosper Bell, Treasurer  
 Mary Furlow, Secretary**

### The Session

#### Class of 2015

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#### Class of 2016

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