



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2013



Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Nancy Stewart

Elder Greeter  
Ivan Ratzlaff

Ushers  
Glen and Barbara Franklin



Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation  
Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible  
Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle of Joy Glen and Barbara Franklin

Moment for Stewardship Carlton Ward

Moment for Mission Barbara Franklin

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel Arr. Melody Bober  
Daniel Dempsey, Piano

Call to Worship

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

One: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's son. He shall judge Your peoples with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

All: The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

One: He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and break in pieces the oppressor.

All: They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth.

One: In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.

All: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

One: Amen and Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer



†Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Hymnal #38

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

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we live as though there has been no word of good news from You. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to direct us into a right relationship with You; and yet, we continue to be bored and frustrated, grim and joyless. Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for preferring the darkness over the light. Rekindle in us the joy of Your salvation. Remind us that we are children of the living God, always under the shadow of Your wing. Keep us in Your loving care and inspire in us enthusiasm in the hope of the coming again of Your Son. In Jesus' name 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 11:1-10 OT Page 640  
The Peaceful Kingdom

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

♫Solo Go Tell It On the Mountain John W. Work  
Rae Cauthen, Soprano Spiritual

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 NT Page 1  
The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

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

Sermon Joseph's Dreams for His Son Rev. Monty Clendenin

†Hymn To a Maid Engaged to Joseph Hymnal #19

† Please stand if you are able.

Prayers of the People

Offertory Infant Holy, Infant Lowly David Lasky  
Cold December

†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 What Child Is This Hymnal #53

†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 Gloria Anna Laura Page  
(Angels We Have Heard on High)



The miracle of worship is "Sight of God seen through earthly circumstances; it is the glory of God shining through darkness, it is the power of God felt when all other strength fails; it is the eternal manifested in time!"

Samuel Miller

The worship of God begins with music. Through its power and brilliance, my you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His Peace.



## 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 instant Jello or pudding, canned vegetables, canned potatoes, and/or canned tomatoes 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.**

- Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
- Gene Fair
- Bobby Haynes
- Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)
- Stacy Boozer Mariani
- Bob Moore
- Ken Mount
- Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
- Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
- Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
- Ellen Simpson
- Thompson Nash Wagoner
- Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)

*“And His name will be called”*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV



### Next Sunday –December 22

Rev. Tom Winter

#### Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

#### Elder Greeter

Ivan Ratzlaff

#### Lay Reader

Virginia MacRae

#### Ushers

Toby and Austin Falk



### Worship Opportunities for this Week

	Today	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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#### Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor

Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer  
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

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Gary Brown  
Jetta Manners  
Ivan Ratzlaff

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Barbara Franklin  
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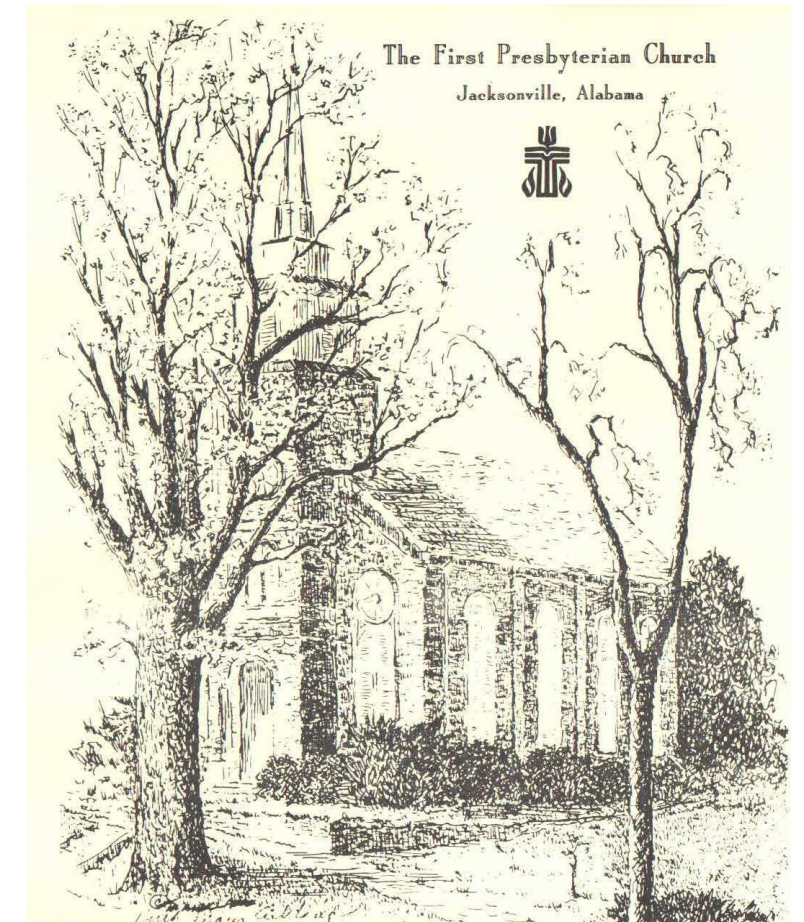
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