



**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2013**



Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Virginia MacRae

Elder Greeter  
Ivan Ratzlaff

Ushers  
Toby and Austin Falk



**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 Love*      David and Cecelia Talley

**Prelude**      *Noel*      Daquin

**Call to Worship**

Brian Wren, *We Can Be Messengers*, vol. 1: *Worship Songs: Christmas, Before and After*. Quoted in *Resources for Preaching and Worship, Year A*, pp. 17-18

One: Someone comes to make things right, tomorrow, today, tonight.  
Jesus comes to make things right, tomorrow, today, tonight.

**Angry people will shake hands, they won't learn war any more.**

**All: Melt your guns and turn them into plows, and don't learn war anymore.**

One: Hungry people will be fed, they won't be hurt any more. See the children playing in the street? – they won't be hurt any more.

**All: Hurting people will be healed, they won't be afraid any more. No-one's dirty or unclean, so don't be afraid any more.**

One: Someone's coming, coming soon, we won't be alone any more.  
God is with us, all the time, we won't be alone any more.

**Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer**

†**Carol**      *Once in Royal David's City*      Hymnal #49

†**Affirmation of Faith**      Ciona D. Rouse  
*The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, p. 191

We believe in God, constant like sunrise, who is the beginning and end of life. We believe God placed a baby on this earth, giving flesh to divinity and perfect hope to humanity. We believe Jesus Christ is that child, a healer and friend who walked on earth until the day he was crucified and buried. We believe in the third day when Jesus became Savior, stripping death of the power to defeat. Jesus leapt from the grave, was carried away into heaven and promises to return. We believe the Holy Spirit steps with us, cries next to us, and prays for us each day until Jesus returns.

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we own up to our ignorance. Who do we think we are trying to build a temple around your glory? Who do we think we are giving you this one day and leaving you in here every other day of the week? You have gone with us from the day you molded us from mud and mire. You have gone with us when we were beaten down, when we crossed the troubled passage, when the waters kept rising. You went with us through shadowed valleys and midnight tears. You went with us yesterday, are going with us now and will go with us even as return to dust. Your temple is within us, Lord. Forgive those moments when we forget. 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 Reading**      *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel.  
Lead us like a flock and shine before us.

**All: Stir up your might that we may be saved. Restore us, O God, and let your face shine on us.**

One: How long will you be angry with your people?  
You have fed us with the bread of tears.

**All: We have been given tears to drink beyond measure and the enemies of good look upon us with scorn.**

One: Restore us, O God of hosts.  
Let your face shine upon us that we may be saved.

**All: Let your hand be upon our hands so that we may never turn back from you.**

One: Give to us your life and we will call upon your name.

**All: Restore us to you now, O God, that we may be saved.**

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

**Time with the Young People**

♪**Duet**      *He Shall Feed His Flock* from *Messiah*      George Frederic Handel  
*Cecelia Talley and Julie Kochan, Soloists*



† Please stand if you are able.

**Gospel**      Matthew 1:18-25      NT Page 1

*Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus by recounting the angel's announcement to Joseph.*

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

**Sermon**      **I With You Am**      Rev. Tom Winter

†**Carol**      *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*      Hymnal #48

**Prayers of the People**

**Offertory**      *Still, Still, Still*      Austrian Folk Song  
Blersch

†**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**

†**Carol**      *Still, Still, Still*      Hymnal #47

†**Charge and Benediction**

One: The light dawns sweetly on the horizons. The wise now believe that love is to be born. Let us join them in our day. Go now in faith.

**All: May we look down and see the waiting birthplace, deep within the life of humble human people. May we then rise up from the ground of our daily life and follow the star toward the faithfulness of the Christ.**

†**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 in Excelsis*      Vivladi-Dennis Johnson



## 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

Lin Veasey will lead our **Christmas Eve service** on Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be collected today.

**Pledge cards** are located in the back of the church for your convenience. Please fill out and drop in the offering plate.



**Emmanuel**  
Star maker,  
earth shaker,  
power of the hurricane,  
voice of the dove,  
come to earth  
in a blaze of angels,  
called by compassion,  
formed by love.



*In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers*

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

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
Gene Fair  
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)  
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)



### Next Sunday –December 29

Rev. Monty Clendenin

#### Scripture

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;  
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

#### Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

#### Lay Reader

David Talley

#### Ushers

Carlton and Sharon Ward



### Worship Opportunities for this Week



Day	Time	Activity
Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Next Sunday	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service

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

#### Class of 2013

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Jetta Manners  
Ivan Ratzlaff

Wayne Claeren

#### Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren  
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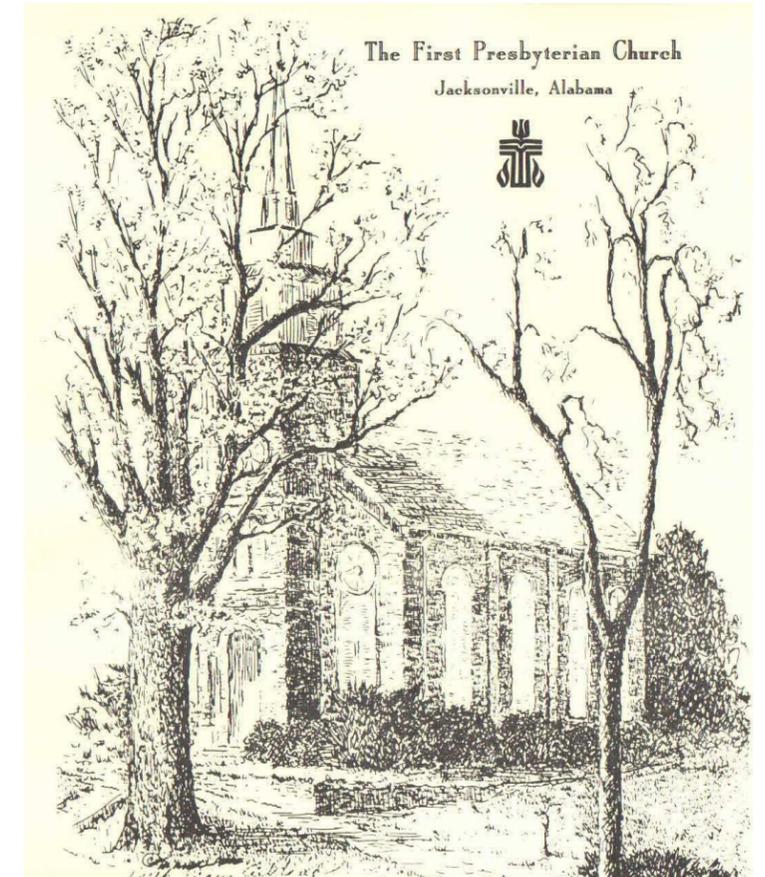
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