



2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013



Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Jordan Falk

Elder Greeter
Ivan Ratzlaff

Ushers
Cosper Bell and David Talley



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 Peace* Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel Was Sent* Anna Laura Page
Hymn Ref: #16 (Arr.)

Call to Worship

One: John the Baptist came to the River Jordan from out of the wilderness and said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

All: **The Baptist said, "I baptize you with water but one is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

One: The prophet Isaiah told us: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

All: **Lead us, Child of God! Lead us, Hope of the ages. Prepare the way for Jesus! Prepare for the Holy Spirit!**

One: Truly then wolf and lamb, leopard and kid, calf and lion and fatling together, will be led by the Child of Peace!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hymn #5

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
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Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we are tired. We're captivated by the beauty of the season, but we're exhausted from the busyness we create. Slow us down, Jesus. It would be a tragedy to get to January and realize that we missed you, that we missed caring for those you care about or sharing your story with those who are lost and lonely. Help us to find balance, to stop and be still, to see you around us and to be "you" to all we meet. We love this season. Help us to keep you as the center of all that we do. 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 Isaiah 11:1-10
Isaiah describes the coming of the peaceful kingdom.

One: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

All: **The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

One: His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear.

All: **But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

One: Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

All: **The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.**

One: They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

All: **On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.**

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

† Please stand if you are able.

Time with the Young Church

Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13 N T Page 163
Abounding in hope.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12 NT Page 2
Fiery John the Baptist – the voice, the one preparing the way of the messiah – preaches his message of repentance.

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

Sermon **A Voice in the Wilderness** Rev. Tom Winter

†Hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Hymnal #10

Prayers of the People

Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter* David Laskey (Arr.)

†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 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* Hymnal #11

†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 *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach
from *Christmas Oratorio*

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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) – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring instant Jello or pudding, canned vegetables, canned potatoes, or canned tomatoes to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

Session Meeting – No Session Meeting in December.

Third Sunday Dinner – Our monthly Church Dinner will be next Sunday immediately after the Service. Please join us for this time of wonderful food and fellowship.

Please join us at 3pm for A Service of Lessons and Carols presented by the Christmas Camerata.



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)
Joy Kelly and Family
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 15

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Elder Greeter

Ivan Ratzlaff

Lay Reader

Nancy Stewart

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Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	3:00pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
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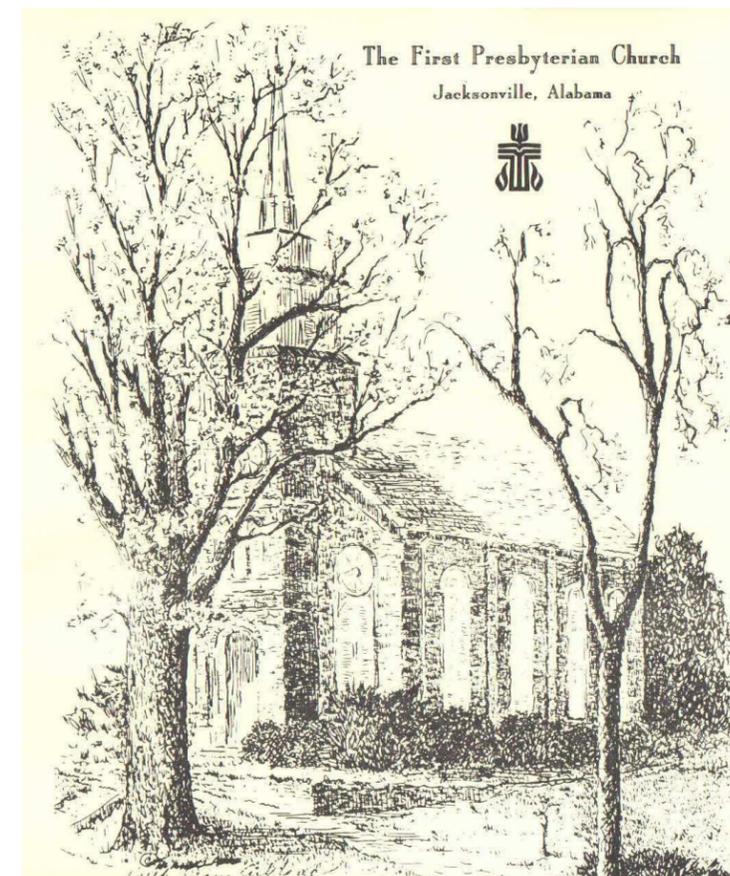
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