



1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 28, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Virginia MacRae

Elder Greeter
Laura Underhill

Ushers
Toby Falk and Wayne Claeren

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Variations on Polish Lullaby Carol* David Lasky

Call to Worship

Psalm 106: 1-6; 37-45 *A Confession of Israel's Sins*

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

One: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

All: **Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.**

One: They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they became unclean by their acts, and prostituted themselves in their doings.

All: **Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage; he gave them into the hand of the nations, so that those who hated them ruled over them.**

One: Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power. Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low through their iniquity.

All: **Nevertheless, he regarded their distress when he heard their cry. For their sake he remembered his covenant, and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.**



Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* Hymnal #63

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

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, in each year past, there has been much time badly spent. We have forsaken friends, tended to our own selfish needs, forgotten the lonely and oppressed, and bogged ourselves down with trivial matters. Lord, free us from our past that those empty habits may not hold us back from hearing and complying with Your commands. In Christ's 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 Exodus 16: 1-16 OT Page 62
Bread from Heaven

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 20: 1-16 NT Page 21
The Laborers in the Vineyard

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

Sermon **Indifference - Resistance - and Caution** Rev. Monty Clendenin



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Hymnal #115

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Greensleeves* David Johnson

†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 *The First Nowell* Hymnal #56

† 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 in Excelsis Deo* Vivaldi-Dennis Johnson



Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

Robert Fulghum

"All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"



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 - Next Sunday we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

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



For last year's words belong to last year's language

And next year's words await another voice.

T. S. Eliot (Little Gidding)

2015

Happy New Year!

*In Our Thoughts
and Prayers*

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Scott Ballard
Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Dorothy DiBartolo
Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
Gene Fair
Larry Fair
Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)
Lynsey Gillam
Bobby Haynes
Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)
Pat Kochan
Lee Manners
Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)
Ken Mount
Diane Mount Nisbet
Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
Ivan Ratzlaff
Darlene Shults
Ellen Simpson
Rodney Sprayberry
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – January 4

Rev. Sid Burgess

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: (1-9) 10-18

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

Carolyn Padgett

Ushers

David Talley and Wayne Claeren

Servers

Cosper Bell, Wayne Claeren,
Barbara Franklin and Carolyn Padgett



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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**

Class of 2014	The Session	Class of 2016
Wayne Claeren	Class of 2015	Ethelyn Brown
Barbara Franklin	Aleta Bell	Margaret Pope
Laura Underhill	Carolyn Padgett	Donald Seymour
	Sharon Ward	

Trustees
Lana Boozer
Carlton Ward
Cosper Bell



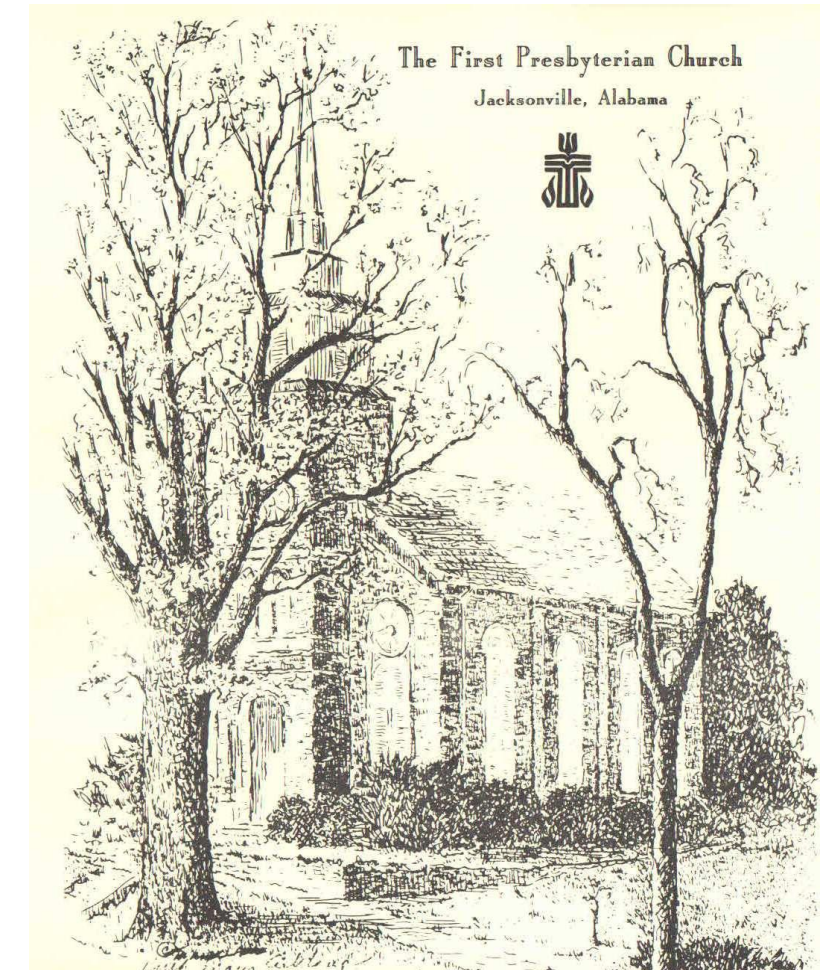
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