



2nd Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014



Rev. Margaret Northen

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Barbara Franklin

Elder Greeter
Laura Underhill

Ushers
Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour

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* Ethelyn and Gary Brown

Prelude *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* David Johnson
(Chorale and Setting)

Call to Worship

One: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All: **Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low;**

One: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

All: **Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

Prayer of Adoration

†Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hymnal #2

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

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. Too often we are blind to our family, our neighbors, and to you. You give us sight but we choose not to see. We cling to our own ideas of who you are and refuse your invitations to live more closely with you. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. Make straight in the desert a highway, and come quickly and save us. Amen

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Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight.

Mark 1:3

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

New Testament Reading Mark 1:1-8 NT Page 34

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

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

New Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 OT Page 667

God's People are Comforted

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

Sermon **Advent Comfort** Rev. Margaret Northen

†Hymn *Comfort, Comfort You My People* Hymnal #3

Offertory *What Is This Lovely Fragrance* John Ferguson

†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

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*The Glory of the Lord
Shall be revealed.*

† Please stand if you are able.

Installation of Elders

Cosper Bell ☞ Bonnie Seymour ☞ Steve Underhill

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: **To each is given a gift of Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

The Office of Elder

Questions to the Elders

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

†Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Servers: Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin, Don Seymour and Laura Underhill

Sending

†Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Hymnal #514

† 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 *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach
(Ref. Hymn #28)

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*The grass withers
and the flowers fade.
But the word
of the Lord
Endures Forever*

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 - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

Session Meeting - The Session will meet today 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

Installation of Elders - Cospers Bell, Bonnie Seymour, and Steve Underhill will be installed as elders during today's service.

Please join us next Sunday, December 14 at 4pm for our **Christmas/Advent Organ Concert** featuring concert artist, Jamie McLemore playing our newly renovated organ.



We welcome back **Rev. Margaret Northen** as our guest pastor for today's services.

He will feed his flock like a Shepherd.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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
Jim Roberts
Darlene Shults
Ellen Simpson
Rodney Sprayberry
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – December 14

Dr. Banyon Allison

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

Lay Reader

Jordan Falk

Ushers

Wayne Claeren and David Talley



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	No Bible Study
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	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	Cospers Bell



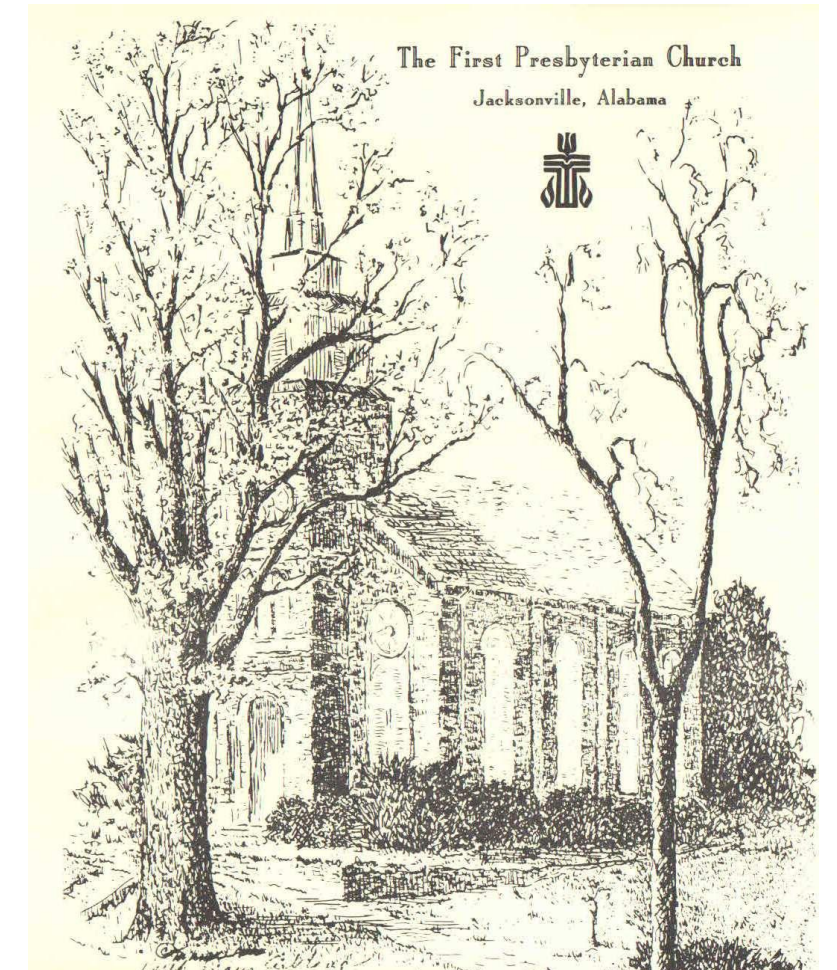
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.