



Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2015

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Sharon Ward

Elder Greeter
Casper Bell

Ushers
Mary Agnes Hester and Millie Neisler

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(TUNE: EIN FESTE BURG)

Hobby (Arr.)

Call to Worship

One: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

All: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

One: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.



Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* Hymnal #223

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

Gracious God, come among us who have separated ourselves from You and one another. We cannot bridge the distance between us. We confess our lack of power and acknowledge that You must do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We confess that we have become barren branches, dry and lifeless, bearing little fruit, showing little evidence of our professed faith. We ask Your forgiveness for our neglect of our sisters and brothers, our denial of ourselves and for our preoccupation with other things. Knit us together with Your love, enliven our spirits. Give us Your Spirit afresh. *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

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:17 — 5:2 NT Page 194
The Old Life and the New

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:38-48 NT Page 5
Concerning Retaliation

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

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If you want to be like Jesus, then love the unlovable, forgive the unworthy and do good to those who can't repay you.



†Please stand if you are able.

Sermon



Forgiveness:
Always in Season

Rev. Monty Clendenin

†Hymn

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Hymnal #73

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Panis Angelicus
(O Lord Most Holy)

Cesar Franck

†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

How Blest Are Those

Hymnal #184

†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

Rejoice, For Christ Is King

Robert Powell

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Jesus not only forgives our sin and estrangement from God but also commands us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Jesus revealed to us that God's love is extravagant. The death of Christ has not only won for us the forgiveness of our sins but also releases us to be people who forgive others.



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 bisquick, jiffy mix, spaghetti noodles, and spaghetti sauce to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

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.



To Be Kind is More important than to be right. Many times, what people need is Not a brilliant mind that speaks but a Special Heart that Listens.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Scott Ballard
Sid Burgess

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

Pat Kochan

Lee Manners

Family of Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia who passed away last week – prayers requested by Laura Underhill)

Ken Mount

Diane Mount Nisbet

Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)

Darlene Shults

Ellen Simpson

Rodney Sprayberry

Thompson Nash Wagoner

Marge Walters

Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – February 22

John B. Nisbet, III

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Elder Greeter

Cosper Bell

Lay Reader

Laura Underhill

Ushers

Hannah and Steve Underhill



Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Third Sunday Dinner
	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**

The Session

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

Class of 2016

Ethelyn Brown
Margaret Pope
Donald Seymour

Class of 2017

Cosper Bell
Bonnie Seymour
Steve Underhill

Trustees

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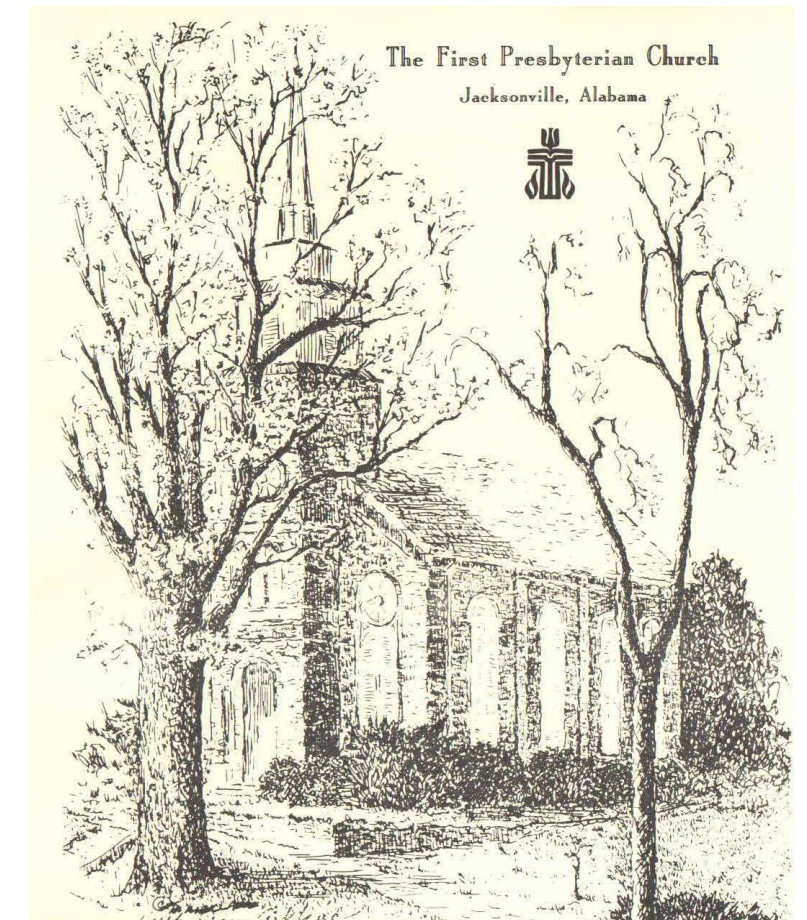
Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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