



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2015

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Carlton Ward

Elder Greeter  
Cosper Bell

Ushers  
Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *There Is A Balm in Gilead* Spiritual  
Arr. Powell

## Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

One: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

All: **He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

One: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

### Prayer of Adoration

†Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Hymnal #423

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14  
*Traditional*



### Prayer of Confession

You are the potter and we are the clay. You are the author, and we are a part of the story that is told. You are the creator, and we are the created. Yet we confess that we have elevated ourselves to the center of our universe. You, God, are the source and ground of good. In our pride we have not consulted your word. Jesus put others first, he challenged the powerful, and he lifted up the meek and suffering, but we have made it our priority to preserve the status quo, especially when it has meant preserving our possessions and our wealth for our own use. Like clay, remold and remake us, so that when others see us they will praise you, Holy Artist, who designs the best in our lives. As we take hold of the life that is real life, we pray you will take hold of us and shape us into true servants and disciples. This we pray in your name. *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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 OT Page 174  
*A New Prophet Like Moses*  
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Colossians 1: 9-14 NT Page 199  
*Paul Thanks God for the Colossians*  
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Qualified to Share** Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

*God*  
*does not call the qualified*  
*He*  
*qualifies the called*

†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Hymnal #513

Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* Spiritual  
Arr. Callahan

†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

†Sacrament of The Lord's Supper  
Servers: Cosper Bell, Carolyn Padgett, Ethelyn Brown and Margaret Pope

### Prayers of the People

## Sending

†Hymn *Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* Hymnal #516

### †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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Spiritual  
Arr. Callahan

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Jesus warns us that discipleship is not without risk. The way that Jesus leads us is a perilous way that leads toward the cross. Jesus urges us to count the cost and warns us that the cost could be high. Will we respond to him by walking away in fear or by courageously daring to walk with him?

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WALK IN  
A MANNER  
WORTHY  
OF THE CALLING

# 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 next Sunday at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.



**PRAYING**  
that you will be filled  
with His mighty glorious  
**STRENGTH**  
so that you can keep  
going no matter what.



Colossians 1:11



**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)  
Ivan Ratzlaff  
Darlene Shults  
Ellen Simpson  
Rodney Sprayberry  
Thompson Nash Wagoner  
Marge Walters  
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



**Next Sunday – February 8**

Rev. Shelaine Bird

### Scripture

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

### Elder Greeter

Cosper Bell

### Lay Reader

Ethelyn Brown

### Ushers

Wayne Claeren and David Talley



### Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	<b>No Bible Study</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Stated Session Meeting
	5:00pm	Bible Study

**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer  
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

### The Session

<b>Class of 2015</b>	<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Class of 2017</b>
Aleta Bell	Ethelyn Brown	Cosper Bell
Carolyn Padgett	Margaret Pope	Bonnie Seymour
Sharon Ward	Donald Seymour	Steve Underhill

### Trustees

Carlton Ward	Cosper Bell	Wayne Claeren
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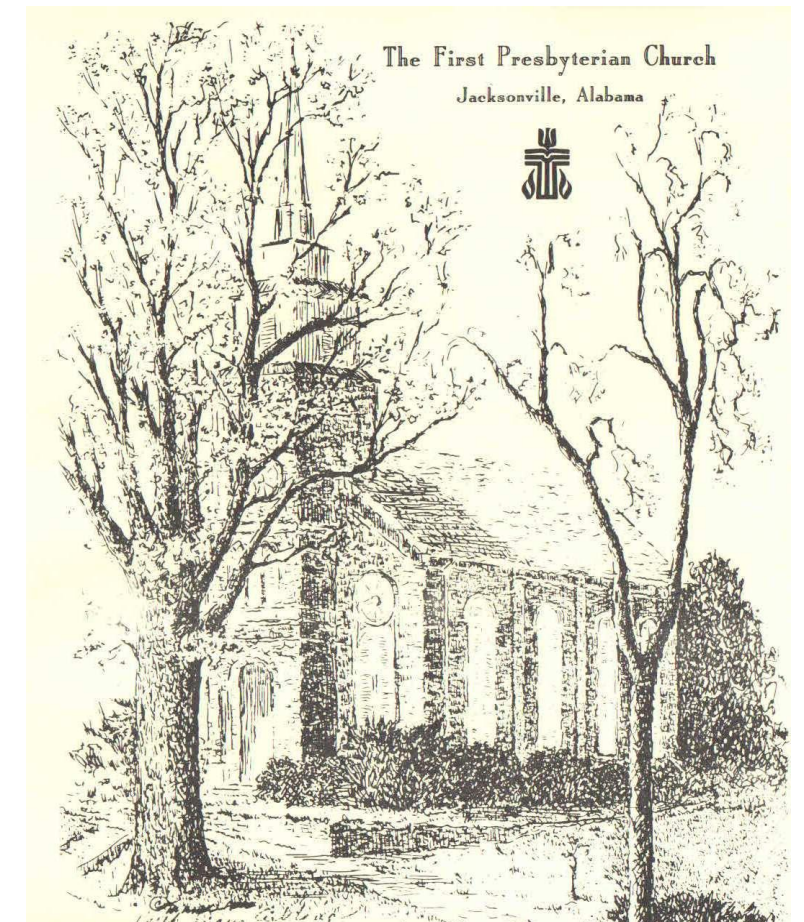
### Church Office Hours

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

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