

# Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Guest Organist: Edna Carr

Lay Reader

David Talley

Elder Greeter

Cosper Bell

Ushers

Cosper Bell and Steve Underhill

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

*Thou Prince of Peace, Our Christ and Lord*

Johann Bernhardt Bach

## Call to Worship

One: Come to the waters, all you who are thirsty: children who need water free from diseases, women who need respite from labor and searching, plants that need moisture rooted near the bedrock, find here a living spring.

All: **O God, may we thirst for your waters of justice, and learn to deny no one the water of life.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

*Baptized in Water*

Hymnal #492

†Litany of Affirmation

One: Living Christ, this was your decisive moment. Rising from the river of baptism you began to discover what it meant to be committed to the way of the servant.

All: **In your moment of seeing and hearing the Spirit was preparing you for your mission:**

One: You made the choice and took the risk of obedience and the rippling reflection of a cross rose from the Jordan.

All: **In your baptism you set the pattern for us; help us to know and discover what it means to be committed to the way of the servant.**

One: May your Spirit open our eyes and ears that we may become partners of your mission,

All: **And in obedience, take up the cross and follow you.**

Prayer of Confession

We are precious in your sight, Lord, yet often we forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry, and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. 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

A Reading from Psalm 29

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*God's awesome power over all creation.*

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

Time with the Young Church

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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*Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan, and a voice from heaven reveals Jesus' unique identity.*

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

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*Isaiah proclaims God's intimate love for Israel.*

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

Sermon

The Holy One of Israel

Rev. Tom Winter

†Hymn

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

Hymnal #368

Prayers of the People

Offertory

*Conditor Alme (Nourishing Creator)*

Mahlon Balderston

†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 Firm a Foundation*

Hymnal #361

†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

*Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year*

Alfred V. Fedak

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*There is a great distance between the earthly and the spiritual, between the human and the divine, between God and us. And yet, at certain key moments, by the act of God the heavens open and there is a vision, or a voice, an indication that there is traffic between heaven and earth. Our relationship with God is dependent upon a God who reveals, a God who in love makes contact with us. In Jesus Christ, God has moved from heaven to earth and come among us.*



† Please stand if you are able.

## 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 one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

**Nursery will be provided** for all children 6 years and under.

**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

### Announcements

**Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC)** – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring peanut butter, jelly, saltines, and toilet tissue to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

**Congregational Meeting** - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow today's. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders and a trustee to the class of 2015 and a nominating committee. All church members are urged to attend.

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

**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.

#### Designated Offering Totals 2012

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$255.00	JCOC	\$1,319.00
Birthday Offering	\$85.00	Children's Home	\$450.00
Peacemaking	\$194.00	Christmas Joy	\$300.00



**Please keep the following people in your prayers.**

Daniel Davis  
 Mary Lois Dempsey  
 Bobby Haynes  
 Joy Kelly and Family  
 Tom Kittleman  
 Stacy Boozer Mariani  
 Ken Mount  
 Dan and Millie Neisler  
 Lee Pope  
 Alexander Roberts

### Next Sunday – January 20

*Rev. Tom Winter*

#### Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

#### Lay Reader

Elsie Wheeler

#### Ushers

Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

#### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Uppity Women of the Bible
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**Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor**

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

**Mary Furlow, Secretary**

**The Session** Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

#### Class of 2012

Cosper Bell  
 Hannah Underhill  
 Steve Underhill  
 David Talley

Glenn Hester

#### Class of 2013

Gary Brown  
 Jetta Manners  
 Ivan Ratzlaff

#### Trustees

Wayne Claeren

#### Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren  
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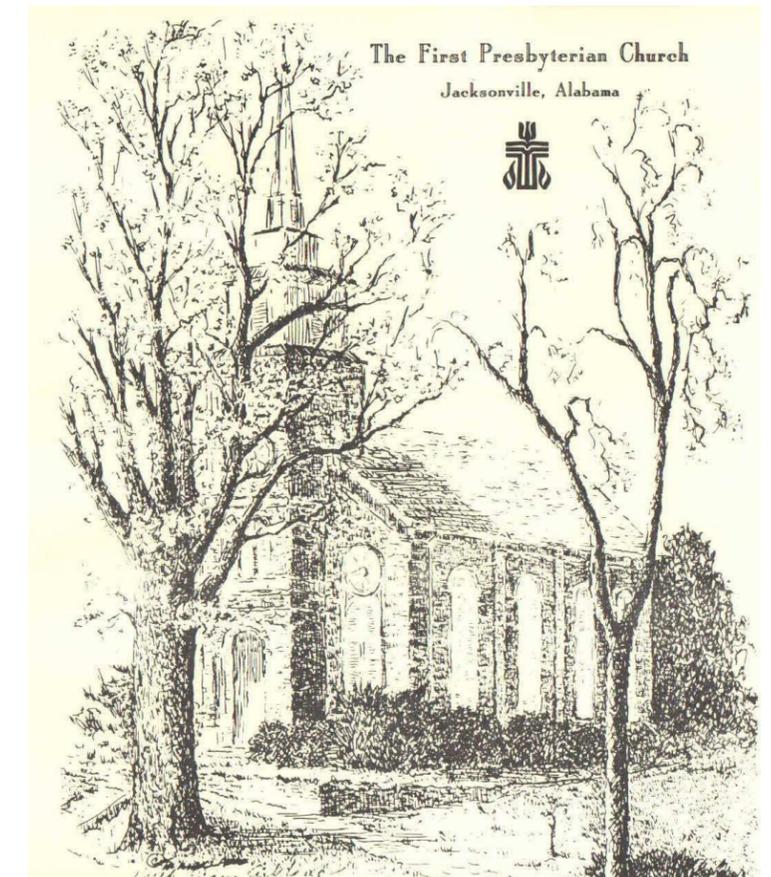
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Church Office Hours

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

## First Presbyterian Church Jacksonville, Alabama



We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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.