



2nd Sunday after Christmas Day
January 5, 2014

Rev. Tom Winter

Guest Pianist: Dr. Wendy Freeland

Lay Reader
 Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter
 Wayne Claeren

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

Piano

Call to Worship

One: Lift up your eyes and look around. Gather from East and West, North and South.

All: **Our sons and daughters are coming from far away. Camels will come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.**

One: Nations will come and bring abundant gifts. Sovereigns will come and see the dawn of God's reign.

All: **We will see the light rising upon us and be radiant. We will rejoice and proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66
 Stanzas 1-4

† **A Litany for Epiphany**

One: Across the desert sands, between the forest trees, through frozen wastes and fertile lands and over swelling seas, by villages and towns, rough path and winding road, by craggy peaks and rolling downs I bear a precious load: Gold of the world's wealth, incense for worship, myrrh meaning sorrow; Love beyond telling.

All: **A trek that shepherds tread, a half-remembered song, a star that glimmers gold and red, they're drawing me along, and when the journey's done I hope to meet my king and lay before him one by one the gifts I come to bring.**

One: I've never seen the place, no map describes the way, but still I trust that by God's grace I shall not go astray. My Lord will show no scorn nor turn away from me, but gladly take what I have borne so far, so wearily.

All: **Now come, O come with me, all you whose hearts are stirred, together we shall surely see the light of God's own word, and as we go we'll raise with all our might and main a pilgrim carol full of praise, a tender, sweet refrain: God of the world's wealth, incense for worship, myrrh meaning sorrow; love beyond telling.**

Prayer of Confession

Beckoning God, who called the rich to travel towards poverty, the wise to embrace your folly; the powerful to know their own frailty; who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in a foreign land and to strangers true light and vision as they bowed to the earth - we lay ourselves open to your signs for us. Stir us with a holy discontent over a world which gives its gifts to those who have plenty already, whose talents are obvious, whose power is recognized; and help us to share our resources with those who have little and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us. Rise within us like a star, and make us restless till we journey forth to seek our rest in you. 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

†Act of Praise *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66
 Stanza 5
 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
 Alleluia, Alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies.

Time with the Young People

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 OT Page 690
An affirmation of God's favor and the significance of Israel's mission to the world.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 NT Page 2
A celebration of the coming of the wise men and the gifts they bring.

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

Sermon **Starstruck** Rev. Tom Winter

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Piano

†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.

† Please stand if you are able.

†**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

Servers: Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin, Laura Underhill and Sharon Ward

†Invitation to the Table
 †Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Hymnal No. 521
 Communion Prayer
 Words of Institution and Communion of the People
 Prayer after Communion

Sending

†Hymn *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* Hymnal #68

† **Charge and Benediction**

Go on your journey of faith with great joy! Follow the shining star with a new sense of adventure. Take the road on which the Christ leads you.

All: **May we, like the magi, set out anew on our journey of faith.**

One: May we, like the magi, see the light that will guide us.

All: **May we, like the magi, see Christ in our world.**

†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.



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.

Installation of Elders - Ethelyn Brown, Margaret Pope, and Don Seymour will be installed as elders next Sunday, January 12th.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Gene Fair
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)
Bobby Haynes
Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)
Stacy Boozer Mariani
Bob Moore
Ken Mount
Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
Ellen Simpson
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday January 12

Rev. Tom Winter

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

David Talley

Ushers

Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby



Worship Opportunities for this Week

| | Time | Activity |
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| Today | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30am | Between the hours fellowship |
| | 11:00am | Worship Service |
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| | 5:00pm | Bible Study - Living the Questions |

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 2013

Gary Brown
Jetta Manners
Ivan Ratzlaff

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

Wayne Claeren

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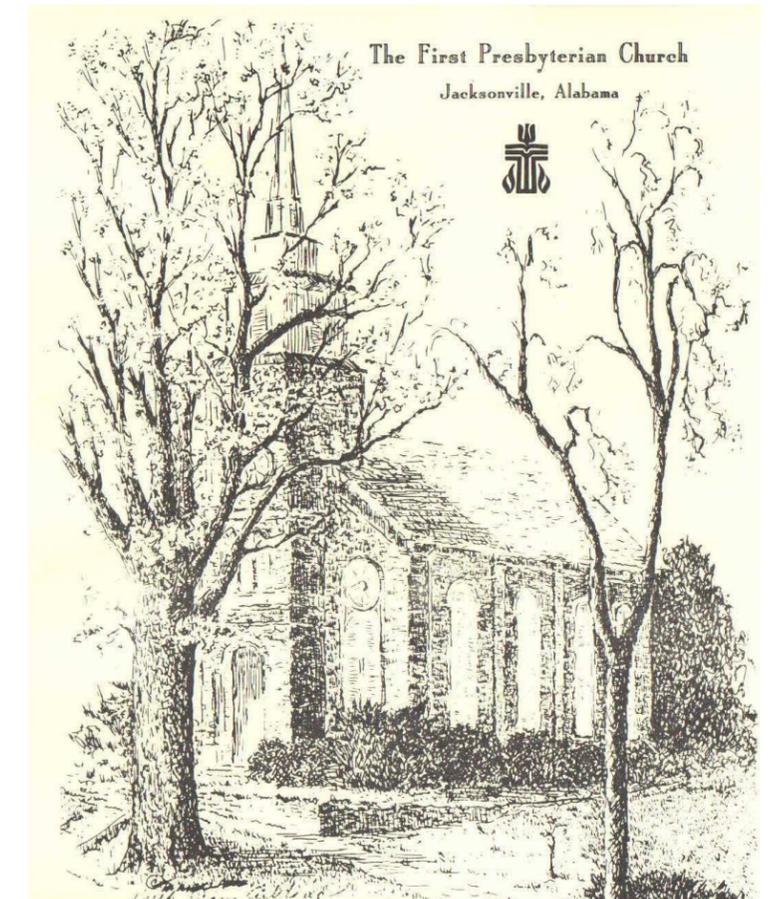
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