



Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Carlton Ward

Elder Greeter
Wayne Claeren

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

Prelude

Liebster Jesu

Bach

Call to Worship

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

All: **May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *To God Be the Glory* Hymnal #485

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
traditional



Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given us your Spirit in baptism, yet we often fall short of living up to such a powerful identity. We take the easier way, and go along with the values of this world which oppose your reign of justice, peace, and wholeness. We rely upon our own power, and so believe we are not capable of making much of a difference. We fail to acknowledge your Spirit at work in us and through us. In your mercy, forgive us. Graciously renew us to live in your Spirit. In Christ we pray, *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

New Testament Reading Acts 19:1-7 NT Page 139
Paul in Ephesus

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

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-11 NT Page 34
The Baptism of Jesus

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

Sermon **Open for Business** Rev. Patricia Vanderpol



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Hymnal #408
(verses 1,3,4,5)

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Interlude* Karg-Elert

†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 *We Know that Christ is Raised* Hymnal #495

† 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 *Joy to the World* Hugo Gehrke

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From out of the primal, dark waters God brought forth life, just as each of us as Christians is brought forth from the waters of baptism. Creation is God's gift to us, but that gift entails our responsibility. We are to lovingly care for creation as a gift of God.



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) – 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.

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.

WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS PEACE IN
OUR HEARTS.

In Our Thoughts
and Prayers

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
Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)
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 – January 18

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1:43-51

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Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Stated Session Meeting
	5:00pm	Bible Study
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

Class of 2015	The Session Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Aleta Bell Carolyn Padgett Sharon Ward	Ethelyn Brown Margaret Pope Donald Seymour	Cosper Bell Bonnie Seymour Steve Underhill

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Carlton Ward Cosper Bell Wayne Claeren



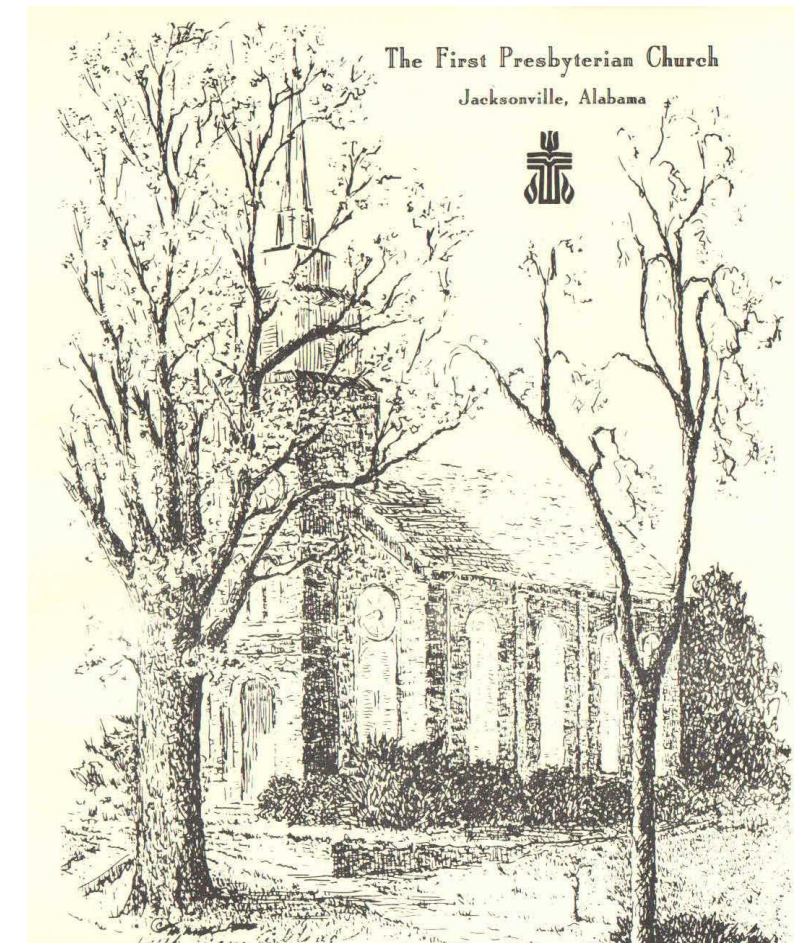
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.