



Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2015

Rev. Sid Burgess

Guest Organist: Edna Carr

Lay Reader
Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter
Wayne Claeren

Ushers
David Talley and Wayne Claeren

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Coventry Carol

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Call to Worship

One: This is a day of new beginnings.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: God calls us to do more than just resolve!

All: God calls us to live the word!

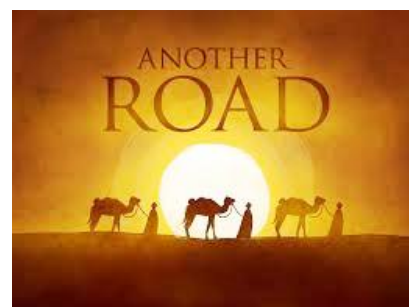
One: Let the world know God dwells in our midst.

All: Let all who suffer find hope and shelter here!

Prayer of Adoration

†Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66

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

Lord Jesus Christ, we have known you through your written word and in the record of your Spirit that moves in our midst among the brothers and sisters who share this time of worship with us. We have heard you in the children who cry aloud your glory when we would have silence. We have seen you in those who are suffering and share our cities and towns, though we prefer complacency and false content. Let us this day step away from the uncomprehending darkness and walk by your light, live by your truth, and proclaim your word to ourselves and to the world.

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 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 Different Route Home Rev. Sid Burgess
Sermon delivered by Dr. Wayne Claeren



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy* Hymnal #35

Offertory *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Goode

†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, Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin and Carolyn Padgett

Prayers of the People

Sending

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

† 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 Fedak

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Jesus Christ, the light of the world, has come into the world. God has acted to save humanity. Now what is required? We are to be witnesses to the light, pointing a darkened world toward this one who is the way, the truth, the life, and the light. Jesus calls and commissions us, encourages us, and strengthens us as witnesses.



Welcome to our Visitors

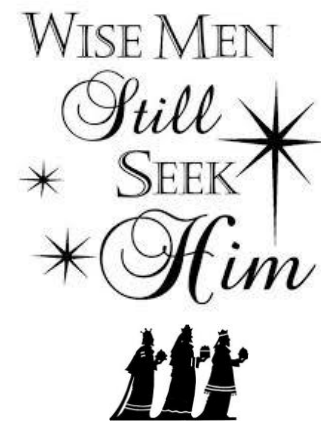
We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, 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.



*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Scott Ballard
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
Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-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
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – January 11

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

Carlton Ward

Ushers

Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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

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

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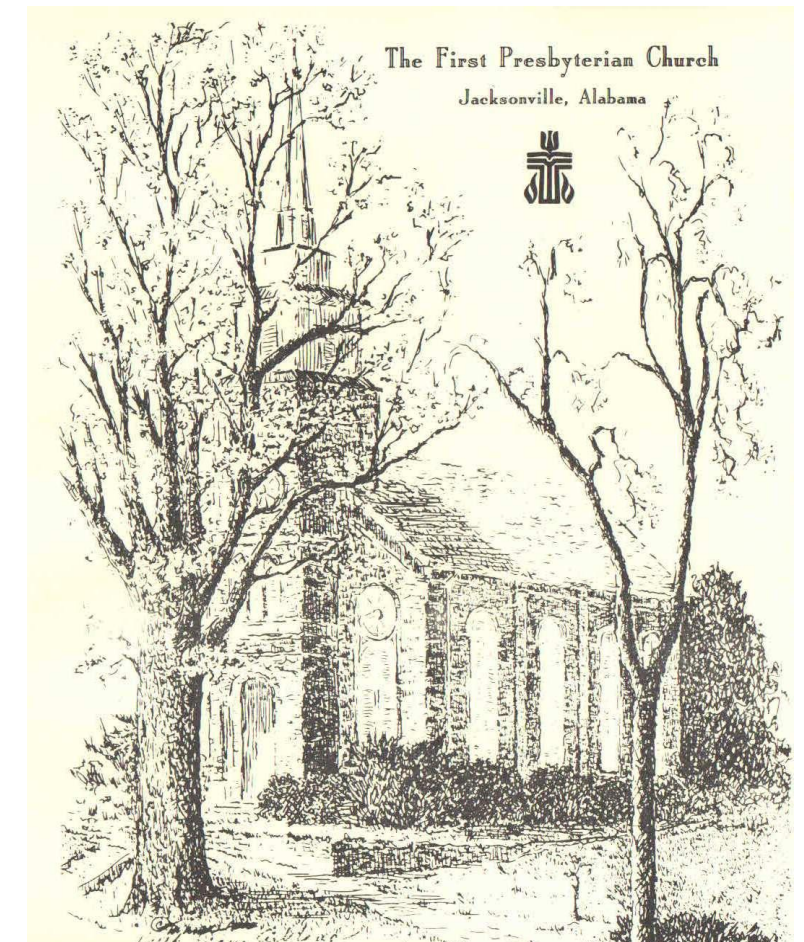
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.