



**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 13, 2014**

Richard L. Jones, CLP

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Barbara Franklin

Elder Greeter  
Ethelyn Brown

Ushers  
Glen and Barbara Franklin

**Gathering to Hear God's Word**

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Air Cantabile (from Suite in B-flat)* Gottlieb Muffat

**Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 119*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

All: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever, they are the joy of my heart.

All: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, even unto the end.

One: Let us worship God!

†Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymn #420

†Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession



**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen. ☞ *Silent prayer.*

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.

**Proclamation of the Word**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 25:19-34 OT Page 21

*The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob*

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

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory *Chorale Prelude on "We Walk by Faith"* Robert Powell  
 (Hymn Ref# 399)

†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

†Hymn *Spirit* Hymnal #319

**Pastoral Prayer**



**The Word**

Epistle Reading Romans 8:1-11 NT Page 157  
*Life in the Spirit*

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30 NT Page 28  
*The Parable of the Talents*

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon **At Work in the Fields of the Lord** Richard L. Jones, CLP

**Responding to God's Word**

**Prayer in Response to Sermon**

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

**Sending**

†Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Hymnal #326

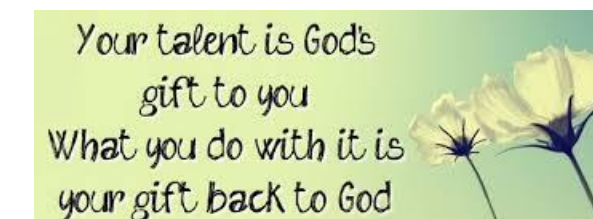
†Charge and Benediction

†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 *Nun danket alle Gott* Travis  
 (Hymnal Ref. #555 *Now Thank We All Our God*)



Each of us has been given some wonderful gifts in Christ. All that we are, and all that we have has come as a sign of God's graciousness toward us. Now, considering all that we have been given in Christ, here is the question — *What have we done with all that has been given to us?*



## 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 personal hygiene items 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.

We welcome **Richard L. Jones, CLP** as our guest pastor for today's service. Mr. Jones graduated from Mountain Brook High School in 1968 where he was the first Drum Major of the first marching band at Mountain Brook. He attended Jacksonville State University, served as Drum Major of The Marching Southerners in the fall of 1971 and graduated in 1972 with a B.S. in Music Education. After spending eight years as a high school band director in Georgia, Louisiana, and Alabama, he graduated from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, IL, with a Masters in Music Education in 1981. He then moved back home to Birmingham, AL, and worked as a law clerk while attending night law school at Birmingham School of Law. Mr. Jones graduated from law school and passed the Bar on the first attempt in 1990, then spent 18 years in the active practice of law as a plaintiff's personal injury trial lawyer. In April 2001, Mr. Jones was certified as a Lay Pastor in the Presbytery of Sheperds and Lapsely. From November 2001 until November 2005 he was the Stated Supply at Fairfield Presbyterian Church. He then became the Stated Supply of Trinity Presbyterian Church in February 2006 until they closed on June 8, 2014. Mr. Jones is divorced and has a daughter who will be a senior at Mountain Brook High School this fall.

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

James (Jamie) Clendenin (Monty Clendenin's son)  
 Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)  
 Gene Fair  
 John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)  
 Lynsey Gillam  
 Bobby Haynes  
 Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)  
 Ken Mount  
 Dan Neisler  
 Diane Mount Nisbet  
 Carolyn Paris  
 Ellen Simpson  
 Thompson Nash Wagoner  
 Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



**Next Sunday – July 20**

*Richard L. Jones, CLP*

#### Scripture

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;  
 Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

#### Elder Greeter

Ethelyn Brown

#### Lay Reader

Wayne Claeren

#### Ushers

Toby Falk and Wayne Claeren



### Worship Opportunities for this Week

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

#### The Session

##### Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren  
 Barbara Franklin  
 Laura Underhill

##### Class of 2015

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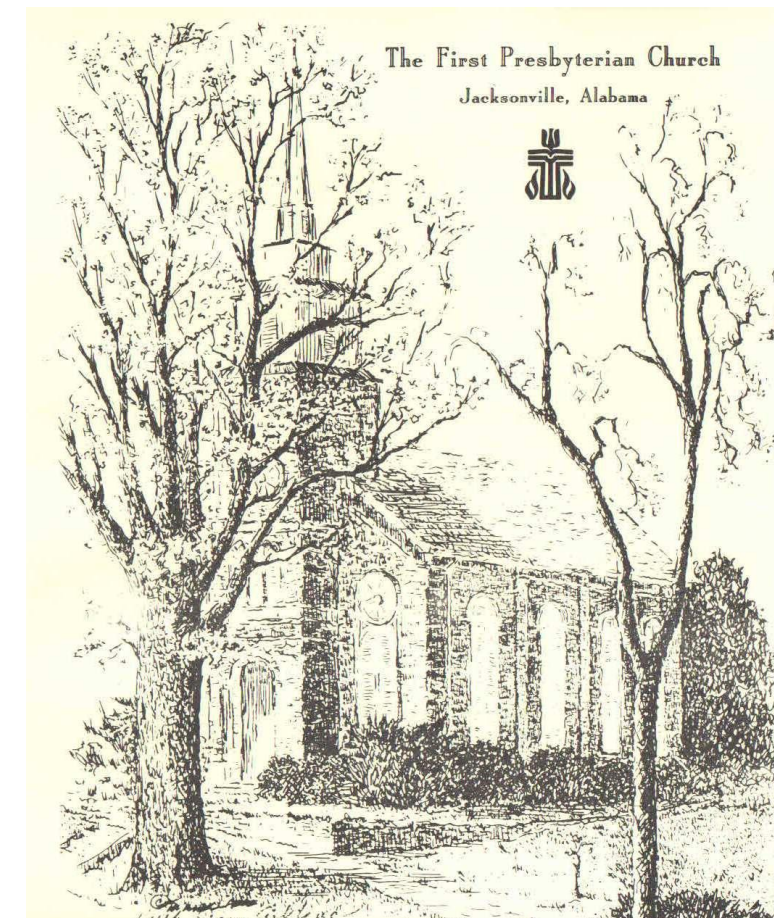
Church Office Hours

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

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