



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2014

Richard L. Jones, CLP

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter
Ethelyn Brown

Ushers
Carlton Ward and Wayne Claeren

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

Larghetto George Frederic Handel
 from *Sixth Organ Concerto*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 118

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him.

One: Remember his wonderful works,

All: His wonderful works, his miracles, and his judgments.

One: Let us worship God!

†Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn #478

†Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†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.

Call to Confession

*This is the day the
 LORD has made. We
 will rejoice and be glad
 in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word. Amen. *(Let us continue in silent prayer for just a moment, confessing our individual needs and concerns to God.)*

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

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading Genesis 28:10-19a OT Page 25

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

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

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* J.S. Bach

(Hymn Text Ref. #454 Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word)

†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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymnal #356

Pastoral Prayer

∞

*God ALWAYS
 KEEPS HIS Promises*



†Please stand if you are able.

The Word

Epistle Reading Romans 8:12-25 NT Page 158

Future Glory

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT Page 14

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *Weeds in the Garden* 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 *Amazing Grace* Hymnal #280

†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 *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

†

The church, believe it or not, is the body of Christ.

For good or ill, the church is the way the risen Christ takes up room in the world. If most people are to encounter the risen Christ, they will need to do so through the church.



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) – Today 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.

Everyone is invited to the **Organ Rededication Service** this afternoon at 4pm. A reception will follow after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

We welcome back **Richard L. Jones, CLP** as our guest pastor for today's service.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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 27

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or
 Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39;
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Elder Greeter

Ethelyn Brown

Lay Reader

Nancy Stewart

Ushers

Mary Agnes Hester and Millie Neisler



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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

**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
 Aleta Bell
 Carolyn Padgett
 Sharon Ward

Class of 2016
 Ethelyn Brown
 Margaret Pope
 Donald Seymour

Trustees
 Lana Boozer

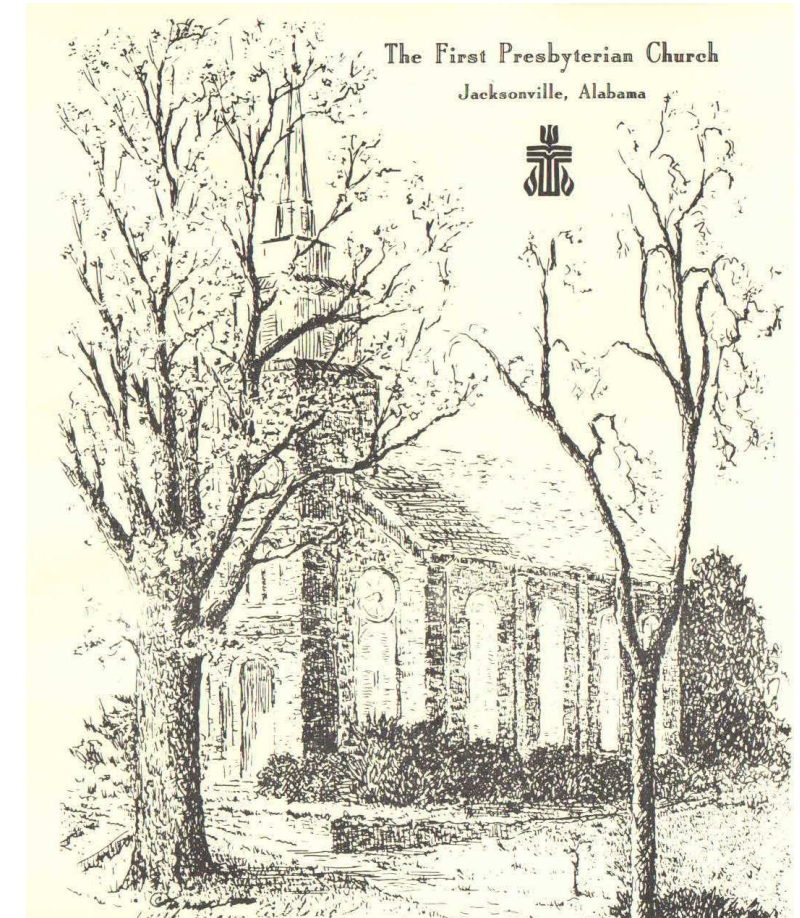
Carlton Ward

Cosper Bell

PO Box 355
 Jacksonville, AL 36265
 256-435-6340
 256-435-1039 (Fax)
 fpcsecy@bellsouth.net

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.



www.firstpresbyterianjacksonville.org

Look for us on Facebook and Twitter