



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 27, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader

Elder Greeter

Ushers

Nancy Stewart

Ethelyn Brown

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

*Prelude on "Evan"*

Gordon Young

(Hymn Ref. #175: The Lord's My Shepherd)

## Call to Worship

Psalm 82

*A Plea for Justice*

One: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

All: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

One: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

All: I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'

One: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymnal #376

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
*traditional*

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**Defend the weak and the fatherless;  
uphold the cause of the  
poor and the oppressed.**

Psalm 82:3

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have been noisy gongs and clanging cymbals, impressed with our own knowledge and misled by childish reasoning. We have mistaken our worldly insights for Your truth and have resented others for whom Your love is life-changing. Forgive not only our arrogance, gracious God, but also our timidity. Equip us for an authentic witness to Your love. Grant, O God, that we may know the fulfillment of the Scriptures we hear. Touch us with Your Word revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, that we may sense Your presence here and now. May love be real to us in patience, kindness and faithful endurance. Fill us with the conviction of Your purposes for us, so we may speak to others the message You have entrusted to us. 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

First Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

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*Paul Thanks God for the Colossians*

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

♫Solo

*Come Ye Blessed*

John Prindle Scott

*Soloist: Cecelia Talley, Soprano*

Second Reading

Luke 10:25-37

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*The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

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

Sermon

**Loving That Makes  
A Difference**

Rev. Monty Clendenin

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*If you want to be like Jesus*

*Then Love the unlovable, Forgive the unworthy and*

*Do Good to those who can't repay you.*

†Hymn

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Hymnal #384

Prayers of the People

Offertory

*The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

Healy Willan

†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

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Hymnal #441

†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

*Hymn to Joy*

Beethoven-Albert Travis

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Divine Love is not human 'romantic' love. It is of a spiritual nature, it is all-encompassing and unconditional. Divine Love is often attributed only to God and/or spiritual beings. Yet as we are all sparks of the Creator (the Divine), and as the Creator IS LOVE, we are therefore also Love - Divine Love is who we really are, yet in our human state and using mostly only our five senses, we have forgotten this and we perceive other people and animals and nature as 'separate' from ourselves. But we are all made of the same 'stuff' and are all therefore ONE and all connected. This is confirmed on a scientific level with Quantum Physics.

It is our perception of separateness that causes all the woes we have in this world. What we do to one, we do to ourselves.

*There is NO separateness, only ONE-NESS.*

— Author Unknown

† Please stand if you are able.

## 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** - Next Sunday we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

**Worship Service** - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> (second Sunday of the month).

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God  
IS  
LOVE

The Over  
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 – August 3

*Dr. Banyon Allison*

#### Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;  
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

#### Elder Greeter

Margaret Pope

#### Lay Reader

Virginia MacRae

#### Ushers

Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby



### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	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**  
Aleta Bell  
Carolyn Padgett  
Sharon Ward

**Class of 2016**  
Ethelyn Brown  
Margaret Pope  
Don Seymour

Lana Boozer

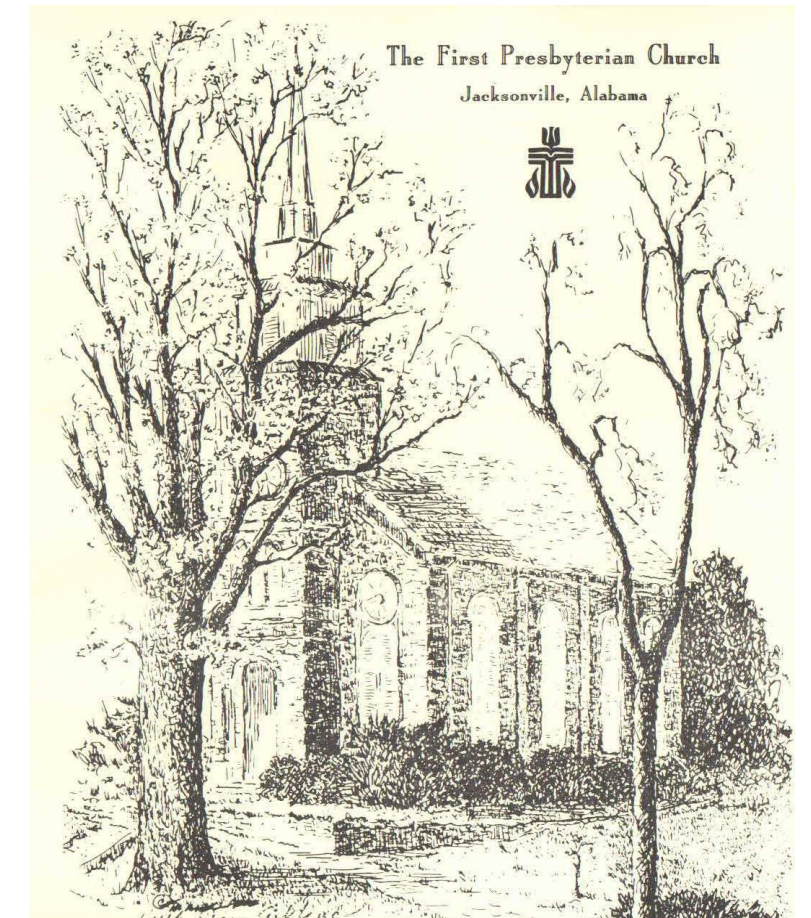
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