



# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 6, 2014

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Guest Organist: Edna Carr

Lay Reader  
Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter  
Ethelyn Brown

Ushers  
Glen Franklin and David Talley

### Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude No. 17 from *Thirty-five Miniatures for Organ* Peeters

### Call to Worship

One: The prophet Isaiah proclaims God's word: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

All: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

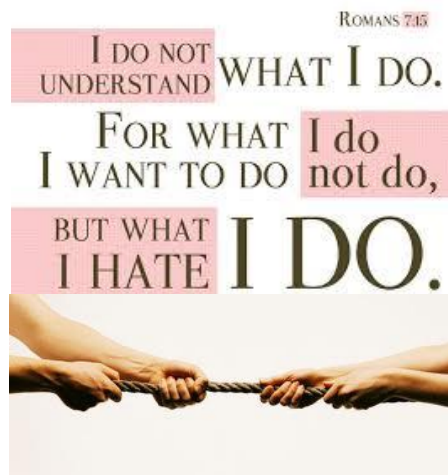
One: Let us humble ourselves before God, that our thinking may be enlightened and our doing directed by the one who made every person, and who knows and loves us all.

All: Wise and gracious is our God!

### Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

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

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



### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we easily confuse pious morality with the kind of righteousness that is your will and your way. We confess that we judge others – even ourselves – by standards we have set with our limited understanding of who you are and of your eternal purposes for your human family. We want to believe we are good and faithful people, yet we set ourselves apart from those we deem to be unrighteous, considering ourselves to be somehow better. Forgive us for failing to be the inclusive church that Jesus came to establish. Forgive us the sin of unwillingness to see and honor the courage, endurance, longing, and the love in those whom we may ostracize, but whom Jesus calls beloved brothers and sisters.

### 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 Romans 7:15-25 NT Page 157

*The Inner Conflict*

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

Second Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NT Page 11

*Jesus Praises John the Baptist and Thanks His Father*

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

Sermon Children Play Games Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

†Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Hymnal #145

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Irish Melody arr. Parsons



†Please stand if you are able.

### †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: Gary Brown, Barbara Franklin, Margaret Pope and Don Seymour

### Prayers of the People

### Sending

†Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun* Hymnal #423

#### † 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 *Praise (Frankfort)* Nicolai

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When John's disciples left to report, Jesus started talking to the crowd about John ... "How can I account for this generation? The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents, 'We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired; we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.' John came fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a lush, a friend of the riffraff.

Opinion polls don't count for much, do they?

The proof of the pudding is in the eating ...

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

– Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30, *The Message* (MSG), copyright © Eugene H. Peterson



## 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.

The **Presbyterian Men and Women's Breakfast** meeting will be Saturday July 12 at 9:30. Bonnie Seymour will review Jane Pauley's latest book, *Your Life Calling, Reimagining the Rest of Your Life*. Please bring your breakfast and join us for this great time together and the opportunity to hear Bonnie's book review.

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*To me, who are  
weary  
and  
burdened,  
and  
I shall give  
you rest.*  
Matthew 11: 28

*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 13**

*Richard L. Jones, CLP*

### Scripture

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;  
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Elder Greeter

Ethelyn Brown

### Lay Reader

Barbara Franklin

### Ushers

Glen and Barbara Franklin



### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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**

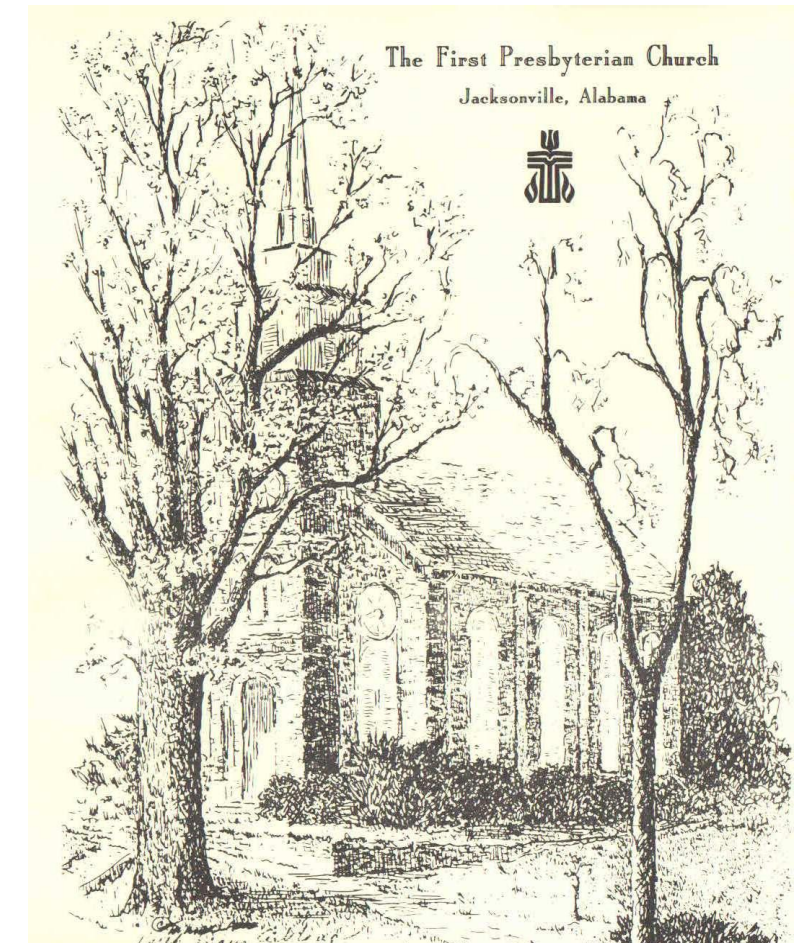
Class of 2014	The Session Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Wayne Claeren	Aleta Bell	Ethelyn Brown
Barbara Franklin	Carolyn Padgett	Margaret Pope
Laura Underhill	Sharon Ward	Donald Seymour

Trustees		
Lana Boozer	Carlton Ward	Cosper Bell

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