



7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2014

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Elsie Wheeler

Elder Greeter
Laura Underhill

Ushers
Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Rejoice, for Christ Is King* Robert Powell

Call to Worship

One: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

All: **When it says "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?**

One: He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.

All: **Let us worship God who in Christ Jesus is our ascended Lord.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Immortal, Invisible (St. Denio)* Hymnal #263

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

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This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into Heaven. — Acts 1:11

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess how easily fear can overcome us as we see the world around: nation at war with nation, people starving, suffering, dying, destruction and misuse of earth's resources, danger and deceit, family abuse and human alienation. We know to our deep sorrow and shame that we are part of the sinfulness of humanity. Yet in our hearts we also know that too often we have not yet bowed before you, our God, in humility. We have not turned to you who alone can defeat evil, overcome injustice, and guide our feet upon the path of peace. O God, we repent of our sin, seek your forgiveness, and choose to rededicate ourselves to the authority of Jesus as Lord of life for all eternity.

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 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 OT Page 529
Praise and Thanksgiving

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

Second Reading Acts 1:6-14 NT Page 118
The Ascension of Jesus

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

Sermon **This Same Jesus . . .** Rev. Dr. Bob Ford



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Hymnal #513

Offertory *Meditation on A Theme, Gustav Holst-Callahan Thaxed*

†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, Carolyn Padgett, Laura Underhill, and David Talley

Prayers of the People

Sending

†Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymnal #466

† 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 *Trumpet Finale* Gabrieli

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Just before his glorious ascension, the risen Christ called his followers

"witnesses" and predicted that they should take his good news

throughout the world. We continue to be witnesses to the reality and the

fact of Jesus' reign, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea and Samaria, and

even to the ends of the earth.



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.

Ethelyn Brown
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)
Kelly Garner
Bobby Haynes
Stacy Boozer Mariani
Ken Mount
Dan Neisler
Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
Carolyn Paris
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
Ellen Simpson
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – June 8

Day of Pentecost

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Elder Greeter

Sharon Ward

Lay Reader

Gary Brown

Ushers

Trish and Nathan Ballard



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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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	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Lana Boozer

The Session

Class of 2015
Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

Trustees

Carlton Ward

Class of 2016

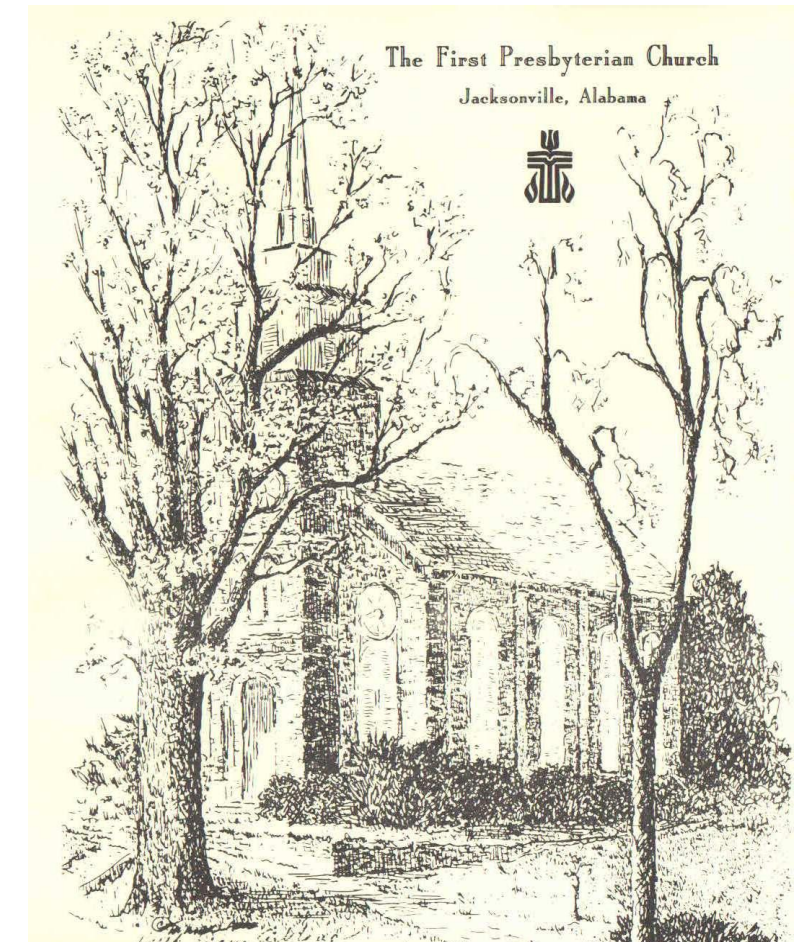
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.



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