

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Virginia MacRae

Elder Greeter
Jetta Manners

Ushers
Trish and Nathan Ballard

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *All Glory Laud and Honor* James Southbridge

Call to Worship

Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All: **If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

One: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

All: **O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Opening Prayer

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Mark 11:1-10

†Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymnal #85

†Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:4-11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, so often we see only our sins and failures and not Your mercy and grace. So often we focus on the destruction and damages in life, feeling hopelessness and despair rather than choosing to accept the healing and hope in life You would give us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us accept Your new life for us that our lives might praise You. In Christ we pray. 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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a OT Page 681
The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

One: The Lord has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

All: **Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.**

One: The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

All: **I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.**

One: The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

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

Time with the Young People

Prayers of the People

Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Albin Whitworth

†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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Hymnal #89



The Litany of Passion

(see insert)

Sending

†Charge

Postlude *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* David Johnson

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The members of that community must have wept and prayed and laughed and hoped as they read this narrative, for the drama is their very own....But there is the firm hope of Jesus' final appearance in full revelation to confirm and to vindicate his disciples.

Fred Craddock, *Knox Preaching Guides*



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 one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

Nursery will be provided for all children 6 years and under.

Prayer requests - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

Announcements

Special Offering - Next Sunday we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

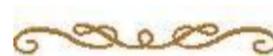
Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30pm in the Parlor.

Worship Service - There will be a Holy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28th at 7pm. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Frank Bowie
 Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Mary Lois Dempsey
 Bobby Haynes
 Joy Kelly and Family
 Stacy Boozer Mariani
 Ken Mount
 Dr. Doug Peters (retired JSU Psychology Professor)
 Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
 Mike Underhill (Steve Underhill's uncle)



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Next Sunday – March 31
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter
 Rev. Tom Winter

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

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Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Early Church Series
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 – Early Church Series

Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor
Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

Class of 2013

Gary Brown
 Jetta Manners
 Ivan Ratzlaff

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
 Barbara Franklin
 Laura Underhill

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
 Carolyn Padgett
 Sharon Ward

Wayne Claeren

Trustees

Lana Boozer

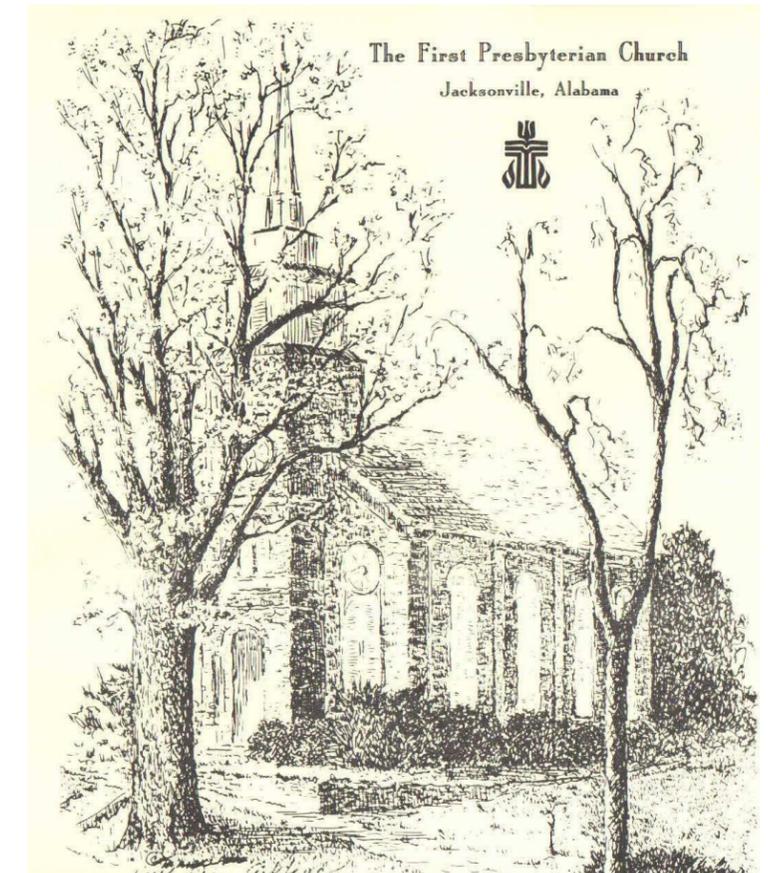
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Church Office Hours

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

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