

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter
Jetta Manners

Ushers
Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Healey Willan

Call to Worship

One: Christ the Lord is risen in me, here for all the world to see! Jesus' wounds, his death, his strife, side by side, eternal life! Alleluia!

All: **In our lives the gospel story tells and retells the tale of glory! You and I triumphantly woven in God's tapestry. Alleluia!**

One: Angels sang upon his birth. Now we sing with joyous mirth, like a banner that's unfurled that proclaims to all the world: Alleluia!

All: **Christ is risen – now we rise, and we see with grateful eyes Christ in everyone who shares joy in Jesus, God who dares! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Hymnal #123

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
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Litany of Confession

One: Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again. Still we look for the living among the dead.

All: **You rolled the stone away from the tomb. Still we look for the living among the dead.**

One: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. Still we look for the living among the dead.

All: **You were faithful to your promise. You have done wonderful things! Still we look for the living among the dead.**

One: Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of new life. 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 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 OT Page 565

A song of deliverance filled with a sense of joy and grounded in gratitude.

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

Time with the Young People

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 OT Page 696

Isaiah launches us into God's new creation.

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

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12 NT Page 90

*The women tell the good news of resurrection.
The men think their story if an "idle" tale.*

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

Sermon **A Blooming, Empty Cross** Rev. Tom Winter

Litany of Faith

One: May God sparkle in all of us as sunlight upon water,

All: May we radiate for each other compassion and hope,

One: May our work be fruitful, our joys profound, our pain redemptive,

All: May our discipleship be rooted in the very life of God.

One: May we be for each other, for family, for friends, for those in need, for the excluded, and for those especially whose faith has come to staleness and whose hope has died -

All: A burgeoning ALLELUIA, light and peace and simplicity, full gratitude, full openness.

One: May we take nothing less for granted than the life we seek to build up in common.

All: May we suffer the pain of a fully generous love.

One: May we remain steadfast in the shadow of the cross,

All: And rise to meet the passion of this world, relying always on the untiring good Spirit of our God

One: Alleluia! Amen.

†Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Hymnal #106

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Hymn to Joy* Beethoven-Albert Travis

†**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 Danced in the Morning* Hymnal #302

†**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 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Robert Hobby
(EASTER HYMN)

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† 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 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken up today.

Worship Service - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday.



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
 Mary Frances Murphree (Ethelyn Brown's mother)
 Arvid Padgett
 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 – April 7 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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Scripture

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150;
 Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Elder Greeter

Ivan Ratzlaff

Lay Reader

Nancy Stewart

Ushers

Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

Servers

Gary Brown, Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin
 and Ivan Ratzlaff



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
Next Sunday	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study

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
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Class of 2014

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 Barbara Franklin
 Laura Underhill

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Aleta Bell
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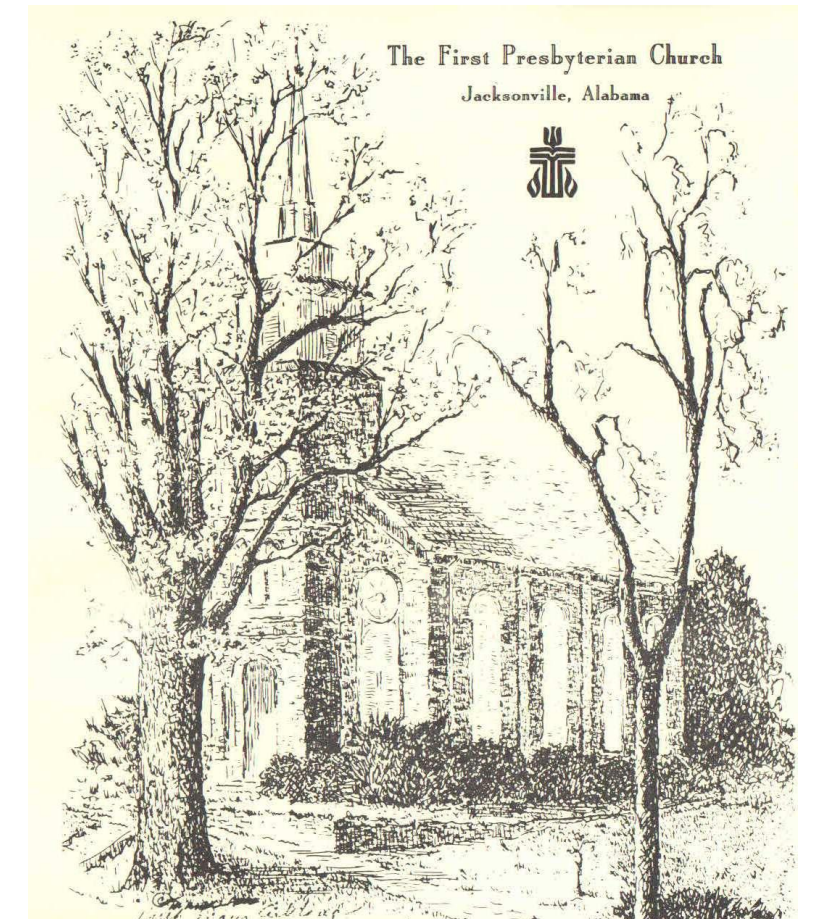
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