



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Edna Carr

Lay Reader
Virginia MacRae

Elder Greeter
Laura Underhill

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 *Salvation Now is Come to Us* Bach/Zachau

Call to Worship

An Invitation to Abundant Life Isaiah 55:1-3;6-11

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

All: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

One: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

All: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

One: I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

All: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

One: For 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: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



Live an Abundant Life!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Hymnal #210

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

Merciful God, we confess that we are far from spending our time and resources on what will benefit our souls. We are so wrapped up in the things of this world that we act as though this is our home. Rather than inclining our ears to You, we seek our peace and security from anyone who will listen and possibly offer us advice or comfort. At times we are close to turning completely away from You in our refusal to acknowledge that You are the Lord of our lives, our comforter and only source of true peace. Bring us back, Lord, lest we continue on our own courses and lose our sense of direction into Your heart. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, 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

First Reading Psalm 23 OT Page 501
The Divine Shepherd

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

Second Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-11; 19-21 OT Page 259
David Anointed as King

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

Sermon Samuel Rev. Monty Clendenin
Stability & Flexibility

† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Though I May Speak* Hymnal #335
and verses 4 &5 below



Verse 4
*The water is wide, I can't cross over.
And neither have I wings to fly.
Build me a boat
That will carry two
And both shall row, My love and I.*

— from James Taylor's *The Water is Wide*

Verse 5
*There is a ship
And she sails the sea
She's loaded deep
As deep can be
But not so deep
As the love I'm in
I know not how
I sink or swim.*

Prayers of the People

Offertory Elevation Boëllmann

†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 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Hymnal #408

†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 Voluntary Zeuner

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The Prophet Samuel was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received the name Samuel, which means "besought from God"). Even before birth, he was dedicated to God. Her song, "My heart exults in the Lord," is the Third Ode of the Old Testament (1 Sam/1 Kings 2:1-10).

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet this Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 in the parlor.

We will observe **Maundy Thursday on April 17** with a 5pm service at Covenant Presbyterian Church, led by Lin Veasey. Our congregation is also invited to the **Easter Sunrise Service** at Covenant on April 20 at 7:30am followed by a potluck breakfast at 8am.

The Lord
does not look at
the things man looks at.
Man looks at the outward appearance
but the *Lord looks at the heart*
1 Samuel 16:7

*Our Thoughts
and Prayers*

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
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)
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
Ellen Simpson
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – March 30
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Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

Lay Reader

Wayne Claeren

Ushers

Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Day	Time	Activity
Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Lenten 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 – Lenten Series

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

Trustees
Lana Boozer

Carlton Ward

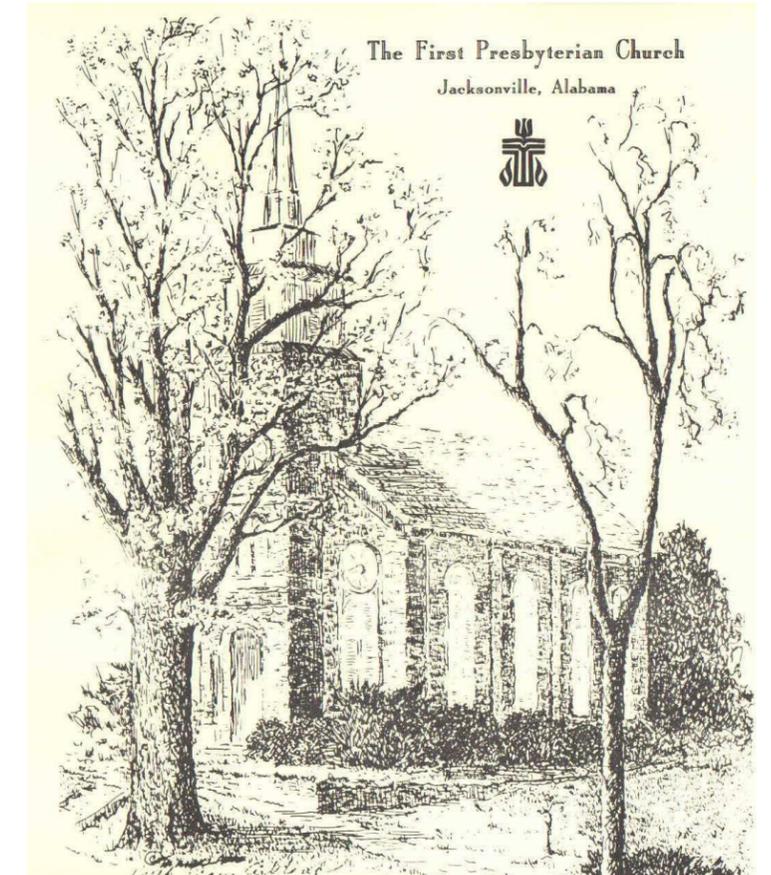
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