



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2014

Rev. David Rice

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
David Talley

Elder Greeter  
Laura Underhill

Ushers  
Hannah and Steve Underhill

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Were You There?

Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

Creator God, walking in the garden, breathe life into us.

One: Tempted God, praying in the desert, breathe life into us.

Holy God, traveling towards the city, breathe life into us.

Mysterious God, maker and encourager, surprise us with angels.

Revealing God, questioner and caller, surprise us with stories.

All: Breathing God, dancer and delighter, surprise us with joy.

Come, let us worship our God.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn #281

†Affirmation of Faith

from A Declaration of Faith, PC (USA)

We believe in one true and living God.

One: We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.

That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

God is at work beyond our story.

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell.

All: The story itself tells us God works God's sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.

One: We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

We praise and enjoy God.

All: To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom.



Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have put wisdom in our inward parts so that deep down we know your ways, and along with all creation we give you praise.

Yet too often, our actions deny the wisdom you have provided, and we do things to ourselves and to your world that contradict your ways. Forgive us, O God, and help us to follow the wisdom that you have given us, so that with your servant Jesus we may become the faithful and compassionate people you have created us to be.

Silence is kept for personal prayers. *Amen*

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

Psalms Reading

Psalms 32

OT Page 506

The Joy of Forgiveness

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

Time with the Young Church

Barbara Franklin

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-24

OT Page 2

Adam and Eve Leave Eden

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

Sermon

Back to the Garden

Rev. David Rice

†Hymn

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

Hymnal #402

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "St. Cuthbert"

Healey Willan

†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

Prayers of the People

Sending

†Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymnal #288

†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

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Charles Callahan

(TUNE:ST. ANNE)



Lent is a season of truth telling by the church. In Lent we confront the truth about our true situation and ourselves. God loves us enough to tell us the truth – we are sinners who are tempted to live our lives in ways that are less noble than God intends for us. In this

truth is our healing.



They heard the sound of the

Lord God

walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the

Man and his Wife

hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among

the Trees of the Garden.

Genesis 3:8

## 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

**Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC)** – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small pkgs. of rice, 1 or 2lb. bags of sugar, and hot or cold breakfast cereal to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

**Session Meeting** - The Session will meet today at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

**Third Sunday Dinner** – Our monthly Church Dinner will be next Sunday immediately after the Service. Please join us for this time of wonderful food and fellowship.

We welcome back **Rev. David Rice** as our guest pastor for today's service. Rev. Rice earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Theater from North Park University in Chicago and a Master's degree in Voice Performance from Northwestern University. He began his professional performing career as a soloist with regional opera companies and orchestras across the United States. In 1989, he was engaged as a baritone soloist with the Opera Theater of Wuppertal, Germany. A career change occurred in 1996, when David returned to the United States and entered Columbia Theological Seminary. In 2000, he and his wife Karolyn, and two sons, Brendan and Brian, moved to Anniston, AL, where he became pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Rice is currently on sabbatical. We are happy to have him join us.

### 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)



[www.firstpresbyterianjacksonville.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianjacksonville.org)

Look for us on Facebook and Twitter



**Next Sunday – March 16**

*Mark Howard*

### Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

### Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

### Lay Reader

Austin Falk

### Ushers

Carlton and Sharon Ward



### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions

**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  
Donald Seymour

### Trustees

Lana Boozer

Carlton Ward

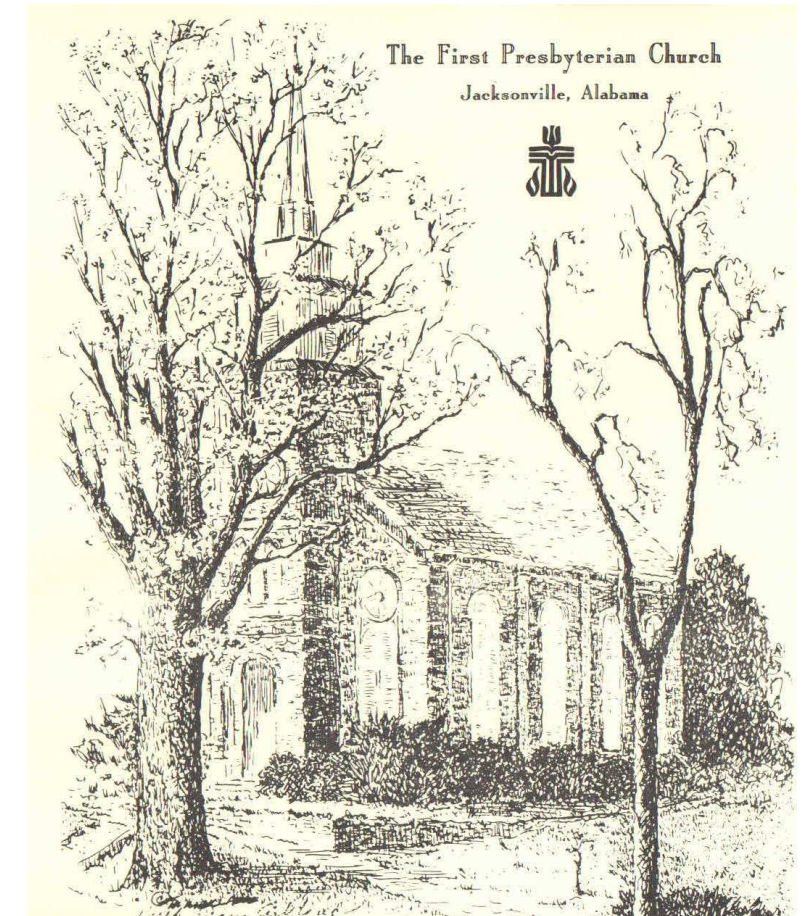
Cosper Bell

PO Box 355  
Jacksonville, AL 36265  
256-435-6340  
256-435-1039 (Fax)  
fpcsecy@bellsouth.net

Church Office Hours

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

# First Presbyterian Church Jacksonville, Alabama



We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). 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.