



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2015

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Bonnie Seymour

Elder Greeter  
Carolyn Padgett

Ushers  
Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour

## 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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

One: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**

One: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

### Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

O Worship the King

Hymnal #476

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
traditional

Hymnal Page 14

'TIS GRACE THAT  
BROUGHT US SAFE THUS FAR  
AND GRACE WILL LEAD US

Home

### Prayer of Confession

God of the unexpected, we try to live a moral life, try to follow your precepts in our work and relationships. We read the Bible, come to church, praise with energy, and pray with solemnity. We make casseroles and work on committees; we do good to our neighbor and give to the poor. We obey the civic laws and support community projects. We believe we are good people. But as your Holy Spirit moves within us, we are unexpectedly convicted of sin. We come to realize that we enjoy being seen as virtuous. We enjoy being known as upright, spiritual people. We pride ourselves on displaying our goodness with humility. How easily we deceive ourselves. Forgive us, 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

**Gospel Reading** John 3:14-21 NT Page 94

John compares the forgiveness of God in the wilderness, when Moses lifted up the snake to heal the Israelites, to what Jesus does for us when he is lifted up on the cross.

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

**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 2:1-10 NT Page 192

The letter to the Ephesians speaks of our deadness in sin and our forgiveness by God "who is rich in mercy."

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

**Sermon**

**Not By Works**

**Rev. Dr. Bob Ford**



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymnal #85

### Prayers of the People

**Offertory**

Jesu, Priceless Treasure  
(Jesu Meine Freude)

Michael Burkhardt

†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

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Hymnal #78

### †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**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(Variations)

Gordon Young

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God in Christ has shown us sinners great mercy. By the mercy of God,

we who had no hope now have hope. We who had nothing have

received everything. As recipients of God's undeserved mercy, we are to

live as those who are merciful toward others in all that we do. Mercy is

thus the beginning, and the end, of the Christian life.

By Grace Alone  
Through Faith Alone  
In Christ Alone

# 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)** – Today we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small packages of rice, 1 or 2 lb. bags of sugar, and breakfast cereal hot or cold to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

**Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

**We Especially Invite You** to our monthly Church Dinner immediately following the service today. Please join us for this time of wonderful food and fellowship.



*Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.*

*Martin Luther*



### Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Scott Ballard  
Sid Burgess

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)

Dorothy DiBartolo

Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)

Gene Fair

Larry Fair

Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)

Lynsey Gillam

Bobby Haynes

Grace Jennings (Aleta Bell's aunt)

Pat Kochan

Lee Manners

Family of Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia who passed away recently – prayers requested by Laura Underhill)

Ken Mount

Diane Mount Nisbet

Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)

Darlene Shults

Ellen Simpson

Sara Smith (Mayor Johnny Smith's wife)

Rodney Sprayberry

Thompson Nash Wagoner

Marge Walters

Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – March 22

Rev. Monty Clendenin

### Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12  
or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

### Elder Greeter

Carolyn Padgett

### Lay Reader

Barbara Franklin

### Ushers

Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty



### Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00pm	Third Sunday Dinner
	5:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer  
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

### The Session

#### Class of 2015

Aleta Bell  
Carolyn Padgett  
Sharon Ward

#### Class of 2016

Ethelyn Brown  
Margaret Pope  
Donald Seymour

#### Class of 2017

Cosper Bell  
Bonnie Seymour  
Steve Underhill

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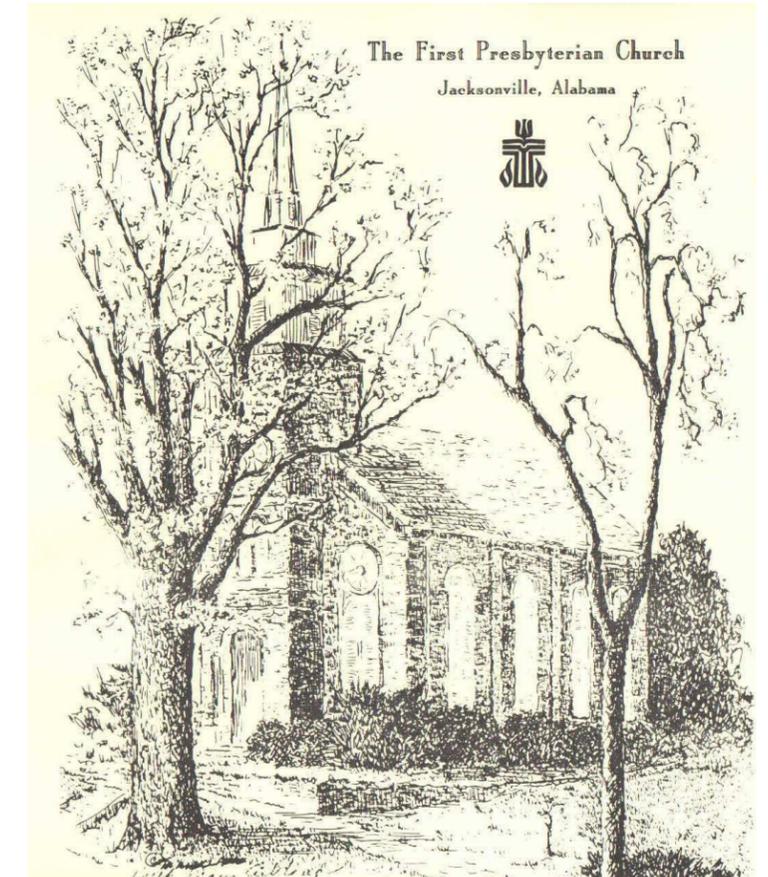
### Church Office Hours

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

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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.