



2nd Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015

Rev. Shelaine Bird

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
David Talley

Elder Greeter
Carolyn Padgett

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 *Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

From Mark 8

One: Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it,

All: **And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

†Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Hymnal #482

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
Traditional



Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, you are steadfast in your faithfulness, and you keep your promises. But we are a people who have known the hurt of broken promises, and we know that we have spoken words that we did not mean. We are quick to judge those who make mistakes, but we want only gentle criticism when we fall short. We let our lives be guided by the past instead of being open to the future you envision for us. Forgive our distrust of the covenant you have made with us. Forgive our disbelief that you can bring hope and healing to the places of despair. Forgive our reluctance to receive your grace, and, by your Spirit, help us to live as people who gladly welcome your unconditional love and trust your promises. *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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 OT Page 13
The Sign of the Covenant

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

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-35 NT Page 44
Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

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

Sermon **What Kind of Denial?** Rev. Shelaine Bird

†Hymn *Seek Ye First* Hymnal #333

Offertory *Chorale Prelude on "St. Cuthbert"* Healey Willan



†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

Invitation of the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you. All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

All: **And also with you.** One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

One: Lift up your hearts. All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

†Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Servers: Cosper Bell, Carolyn Padgett, Steve Underhill, and Sharon Ward

Prayers of the People

Sending

†Hymn *Take My Life* Hymnal #391

†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 *Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn* Charles Callahan
(Deo Gracias)

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Jesus Christ, Son of God, in obedience to the Father, subordinates his own self-interest and walks the lonely way to the cross. Is this any way for the Messiah to behave? Furthermore Jesus calls us to walk the way of cruciform service with him. If we had known what we were getting into following Jesus, would we

have followed him?

† 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 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

Special Offering - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

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



The Christian life is not about self-promotion; it's about self-denial.



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
Pat Kochan
Lee Manners
Family of Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia who passed away last week – 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 8

Dr. Banyon Allison

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Elder Greeter

Carolyn Padgett

Lay Reader

Virginia MacRae

Ushers

Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren



Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

Day	Time	Event
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
	12:30pm	Stated Session Meeting
	5:00pm	Bible Study

**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

The Session

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Aleta Bell	Ethelyn Brown	Cosper Bell
Carolyn Padgett	Margaret Pope	Bonnie Seymour
Sharon Ward	Donald Seymour	Steve Underhill

Trustees

Carlton Ward	Cosper Bell	Wayne Claeren
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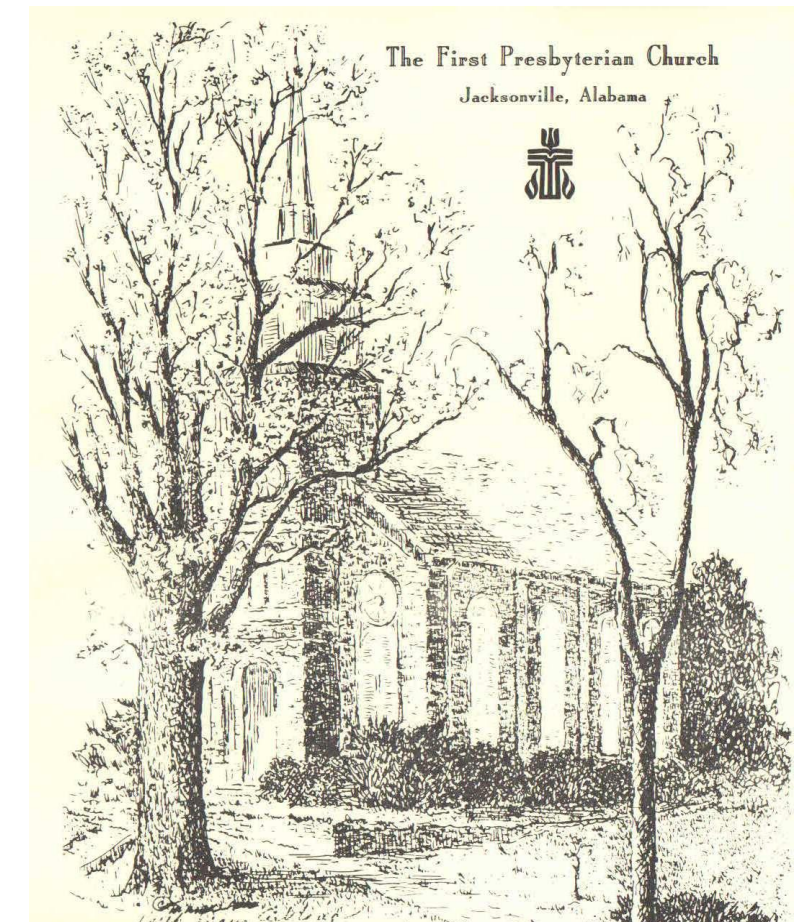
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