



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2015

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Guest Organist: Edna Carr

Lay Reader  
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter  
Carolyn Padgett

Ushers  
Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Glory Be To Jesus  
(Hymn tune CASWALL)

Setting by Haan

## Call to Worship

Plea for Help in Evil Times

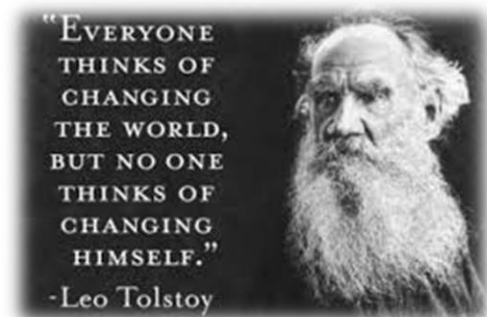
Psalm 12

One: Help, O LORD, for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind. They utter lies to each other; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

All: **May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, 'With our tongues we will prevail; our lips are our own—who is our master?'**

One: 'Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan, I will now rise up,' says the LORD; 'I will place them in the safety for which they long.' The promises of the LORD are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

All: **You, O LORD, will protect us; you will guard us from this generation forever. On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among humankind.**



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

†Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Hymnal #84

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14  
*traditional*

### Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, forgive us for ignoring Your Word in so many areas of our lives. When we are troubled in mind or body, we go to others for guidance, rather than turning to You. You speak, but we do not listen; You offer us free gifts beyond measure, but we do not accept them. We fail to spend our time seeking You or calling upon Your name. We do not forsake our unrighteous thoughts or our wicked ways. We assume that because we are called Christian that we are seen as perfect in Your eyes. Search us, O Lord, and help us to see ourselves as You see us. Strengthen us through Your Holy Spirit to think and live holy lives because You are Holy; in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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

Old Testament Reading Micah 4:1-5 OT Page 864  
*Peace and Security through Obedience*

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46 NT Page 29  
*The Judgment of the Nations*

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

Sermon **Developing the Kingdom Within** Rev. Monty Clendenin

†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Hymnal #146

### Prayers of the People

Offertory *Lament* Tambling

†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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal #276

### †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 *Alle Menschen müssen sterben* Karow  
*All Men Must Die (translation)*

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To us has been delegated the work of the kingdom of God. Yet even as we work with conviction in that realm we work with the assurance that God has already accomplished everything really necessary for our salvation. Our good works are responsive, praise for the great work that has been done by Christ.

The kingdom of  
**God**  
is within you.  
-Lk. 17:21

## 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

Next Sunday, Bonnie Seymour will give a Moment for Mission.

Bonnie Seymour will have a **Moment for Mission** during *next Sunday's service*. **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be collected on Easter Sunday.

Please use the enclosed form to order Easter lilies for the sanctuary.



You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul.

- Swami Vivekananda



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

Scott Ballard  
Sid Burgess

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)

Dorothy DiBartolo

Isie 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 recently – prayers requested by Laura Underhill)

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 29

**Palm Sunday**

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### Scripture

**Palms:** Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Passion:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

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David Talley



### Worship Opportunities and Events for this Week

Day	Time	Event
<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	<b>No Bible Study</b>
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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**  
Casper Bell  
Bonnie Seymour  
Steve Underhill

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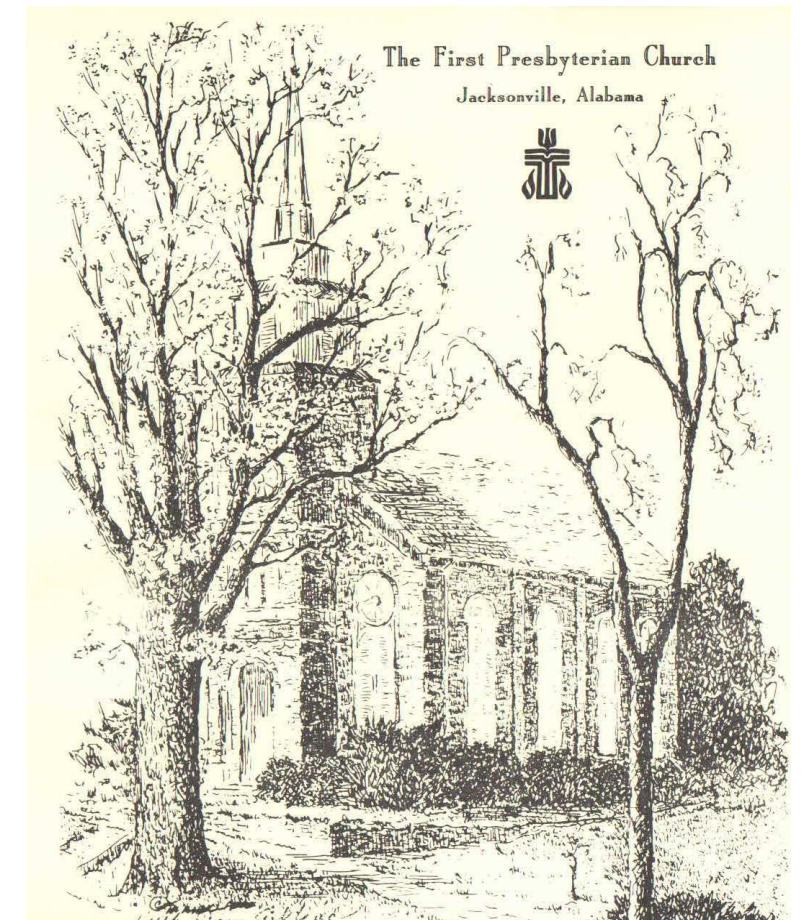
Church Office Hours

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

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