
7th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader

Laura Underhill

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Ushers

Mary Agnes Hester and Millie Neisler

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Air Cantabile (from Suite in B-flat)

Gottlieb Muffat

Call to Worship

from Revelation 22

One: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

All: Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

One: I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

All: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

One: And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal #151

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
traditional

Hymnal Page 14

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and refreshed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failing, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. 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

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 97

An enthronement hymn.

One: God reigns over creation! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Clouds and thick darkness surround our God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of the heavenly throne. Fire goes before God and consumes the evil that threatens us.

One: Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before our Creator, who reigns over all the earth.

All: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the peoples behold the glory. We hear and are glad, we rejoice in the cities and towns, the fields and farms, because of your judgments, O God.

One: For you are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above everything. God loves those who hate evil, and guards the lives of the faithful; God rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in our Creator, O you righteous, and give thanks for God's holy name!

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

Time with the Young People

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

NT Page 111

*This is Jesus' prayer for unity among his church,
that we all may be made one.*

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

A Reading from Acts

Acts 16:16-34

NT Page 136

*Paul releases a young woman from her affliction and, in the process,
causes a great disturbance among the populace.*

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

† Please stand if you are able.

Sermon

Oh, Freedom

Rev. Tom Winter

A Litany for Families

One: We believe God created families, small communities where we learn to love up close, celebrate life around table meals, pray through difficulties, and discover that we are children of God.

All: We believe God created human beings not to be alone, but to live in relationship as parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, extended families, friends, lovers, partners and companions.

One: We believe God sent Jesus so we could see the heights and depths of love, know that we have a second chance, and discover that in loving service the world and our lives become better.

All: We believe God delights in our laughter, rejoices in our kindness, and celebrates our faithfulness.

One: And we believe God made us as miracles and surrounds us with reminders, including this family of faith. Amen.

†Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal #144

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "We Walk by Faith" Robert Powell
(Hymn Ref# 399)

†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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Hymnal #145

†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

Postlude on Diademata
(Hymn Ref #151)

Robert Hobby



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 one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

Nursery will be provided for all children 6 years and under.

Prayer requests - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

Announcements

Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring hamburger helper or tuna helper, tuna fish, pork and beans, and kool-aid to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

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.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will be collected today.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Mary Lois Dempsey
Bobby Haynes
Joy Kelly and Family
Robert MacRae
Stacy Boozer Mariani
Ken Mount
Mary Frances Murphree (Ethelyn Brown's mother)
Caroline Neisler
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
Frances Seymour
Mike Underhill (Steve Underhill's uncle)
Thompson Nash Wagoner

Next Sunday –May 19

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Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34,
35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Lay Reader

Carlton Ward

Ushers

Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
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Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor
Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

Class of 2013

Gary Brown
Jetta Manners
Ivan Ratzlaff

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

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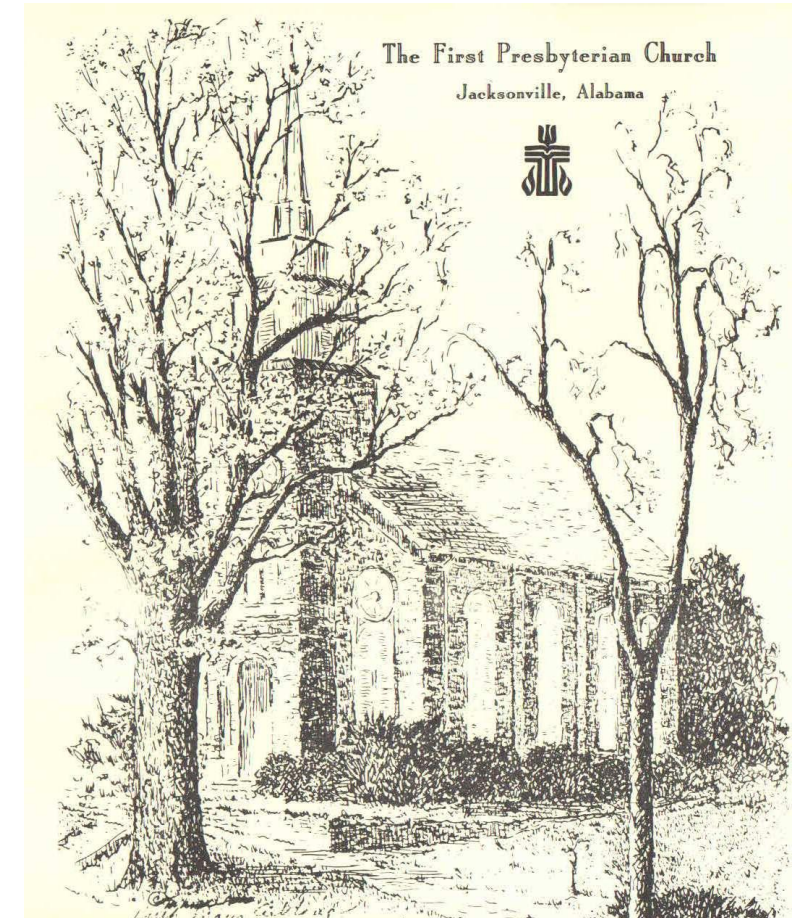
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