



4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

Rev. David Rice

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Laura Underhill

Elder Greeter
Carolyn Padgett

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

Moment for Mission

Mary Agnes Hester

Prelude

Elegiac Prelude on "Jerusalem"

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

One: Come into this place as you are.

We come as friend or stranger; we come as seeker or teacher;

All: we come as old or young; we come as lost or found; we come as we are.

One: You are the person God loves, and gives life as the Good Shepherd does: healing, holding, loving, feeding, tending, nurturing God.

All: We come as we are to worship our God and to build a loving community and maintain a faithful witness in this place.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Hymn #469

†Affirmation of Faith

from *Seasons of the Spirit*

One: There are alleluias in the air, that skip a beat as they dance over tombs, that push at stones and reveal a savior, that explode with a slow beauty in the sunrise, that wake the birds and tear at the dawn.

All: It is God's special word: Alleluia!

One: There are alleluias in the air, that are filled with the voice of God, that are spoken aloud in the chambers of government, that break open hope for the poor, that paint faith with the color of rainbows.

All: It is God's special word: Alleluia!

One: There are alleluias in the air, that fill every silence with song, that fill every fear with hope, that fill every injustice with threat, that fill every status quo with conspiracy. It is God's special word:

All: It is God's special word: Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

One: The Good Shepherd calls to us.

All: We know our shepherd's voice, but fail to heed it.

One: Merciful God, to walk paths of righteousness and enjoy your life abundant, we must follow you in trust and obedience.

All: Though you beckon us, we go our own way. Though you defend us, we are filled with fear.

One: You spread a table before us. Our cup overflows.

All: We judge those with whom we are seated. We worry there will not be enough.

One: In your mercy, forgive us, O God. Take us by the hand, and guide us in your ways.

All: Help us to rest in your company, and there learn to be grateful and generous.

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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23

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The Divine Shepherd

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

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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Life Among the Believers

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

The Lord Is My Shepherd . . .



Sermon

Finding Community

Rev. David Rice

†Hymn

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

Hymnal #402

Offertory

Meditation on "Evan"
(Psalm 23, Hymn Ref# 175)

Gordon Young

†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

One: In acts that shape the promise, may we touch for heaven the hurt of the world.

All: Healing God, hear our prayer for our hurting world.

One: In grace that holds the promise, may we hold for heaven the fear of the world.

All: Healing God, hear our prayer for our frightened world.

One: In peace that embraces the promise, may we transform for heaven the conflict of the world.

All: Healing God, hear our prayer for our world of conflict.

One: In silence that bears the promise, may we echo for heaven the longing of the world.

All: Healing God, hear our prayer for our longing world.

Sending

†Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Hymnal #422

†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

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

†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

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.

Mary Agnes Hester will have a **Moment for Mission** during today's service. The **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering** will be collected next Sunday.

Today we welcome back **Rev. David Rice** as our guest pastor.



Sanctuary Flowers

In Honor of

Mother's Day
and

Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's
68th Wedding Anniversary

Given by
The Hester Children



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Ethelyn Brown
Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
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)



Next Sunday – May 18

Rev. David Rice

Scripture

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Elder Greeter

Carolyn Padgett

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 – Alternative Orthodoxy
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Happy Mother's Day 

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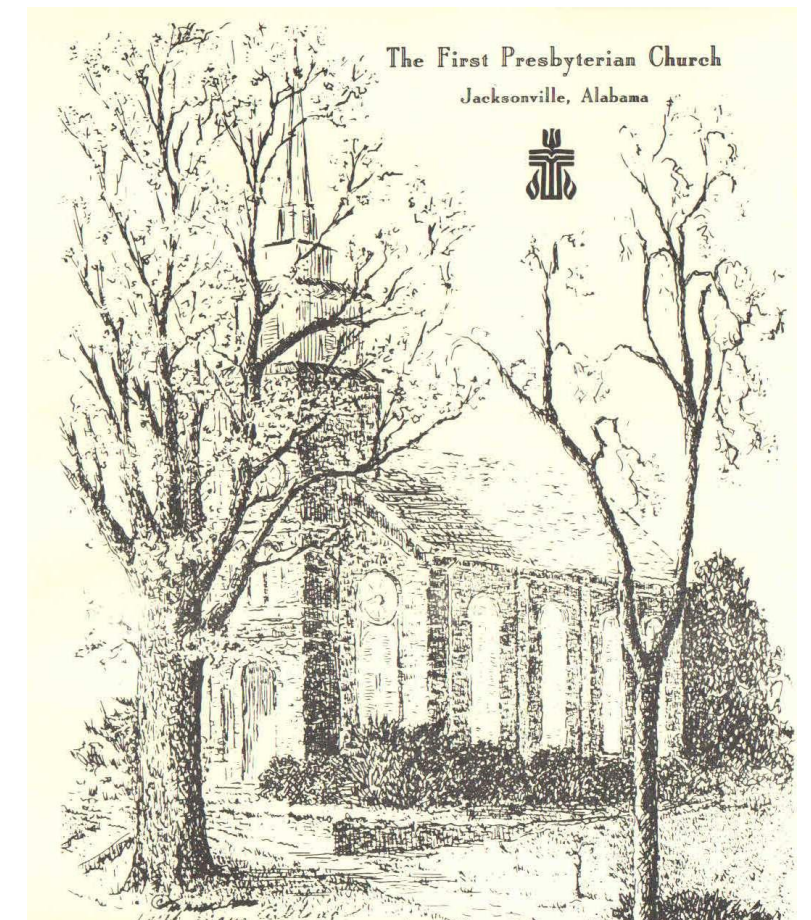
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday



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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.