



5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2014

Rev. David Rice

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Carlton Ward

Elder Greeter
Carolyn Padgett

Ushers
Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation
Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible
Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* J.S. Bach
(Hymn Text Ref. #454 Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word)

Call to Worship

One: Come, O people, and let the sound of God's praise be heard.

All: **We bring you our offerings, O God: We offer you our integrity.
We offer you our gifts. We bring you our stories.**

One: Come, O people: bring all that you have, and all that you are, and let us worship together.

All: **Come, let us worship our resurrection God.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hymnal #288

†Affirmation of Faith from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

One: We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

All: **God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works God's sovereign will among all peoples of the earth.**

One: We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

All: **We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.**

†Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of Confession


One: Forgiving One, unseen yet known, we hear the world speak in power and in greed, and we hear you speak in love and grace. May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice.

**When we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt,
the desiring that leads to greed,
the yearning that leads to selfishness,
forgive us for following the wrong way.**

All: **When we are persuaded by the spin that becomes truth,
the belief that becomes dogma,
the fear that becomes intolerance,
forgive us for following the wrong way.**

**Forgiving One, seeing and forgiving, knowing and loving,
we turn from following the wrong way and face you with
our confessions.**

Hear us and grant that we might turn again and follow you.

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 66 OT Page 528

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

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

New Testament Reading Acts 17:16-34 NT Page 137

Paul in Athens

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

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*Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for Me.*

Psalm 66:16

Sermon

Witness

Rev. David Rice

†Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* Hymnal #440

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE-Manz (Arr.)

†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 *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal #339

†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 *O God Our Help In Aged Past* Charles Callahan
(St. Anne)

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A Christian is someone who has witnessed the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ. Having seen and experienced the love of God reaching out to us, we are to allow ourselves to be used by God to reach out to others. We are to witness to the truth of the good news of Jesus Christ, "to the ends of the earth."



Witness

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 hamburger helper or tuna helper, tuna fish, pork and beans, and kool-aid to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

The **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering** will be collected today.

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.

We welcome back Rev. David Rice as our guest minister today.



*For in him we live and
move and have our being.
We are his offspring.*

Acts 17:28

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 25

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Elder Greeter

Carolyn Padgett

Lay Reader

Sharon Ward

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Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions

**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
Margaret Pope
Don Seymour

Lana Boozer

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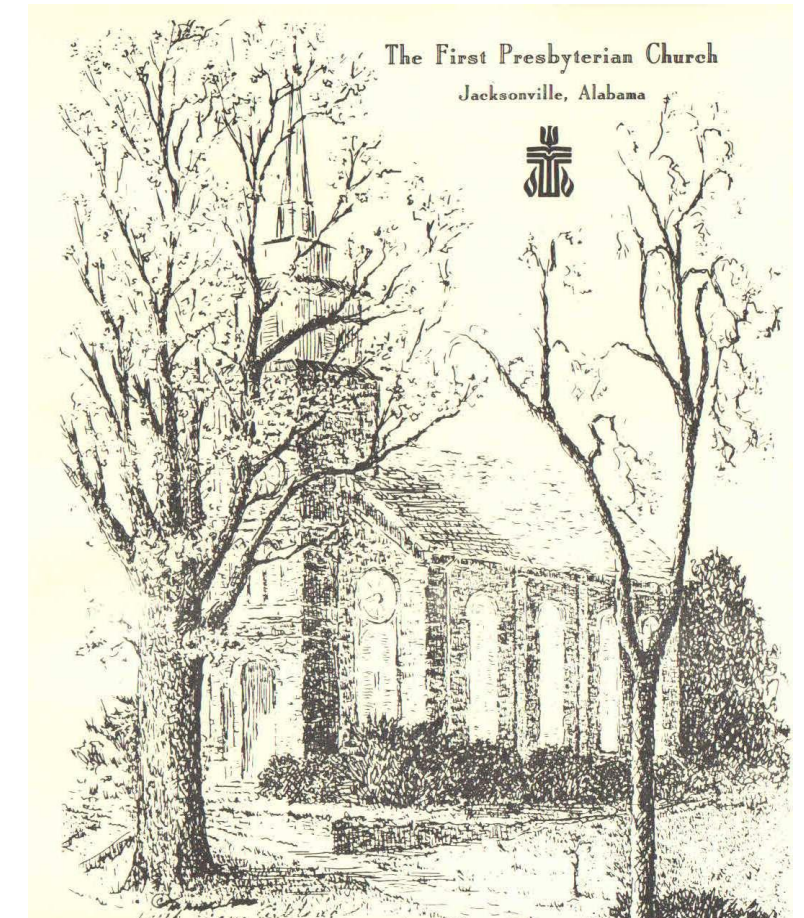
Church Office Hours

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

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