



6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter
Carolyn Padgett

Ushers
Hannah and Steve Underhill

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

Larghetto

George Frederic Handel

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-6, 106:1-5, 48

O, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make know His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; One: talk of His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face forever!

All: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, O seed of Abraham his servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Praise the LORD! O, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! One: For His mercy endures forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise? Blessed are those who keep justice, and those who do righteousness at all times!

All: Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

One: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!"

All: Praise the LORD!

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Hymnal #423

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
traditional

Hymnal Page 14

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. We cling to our fear, our guilt, and our self-hatred, rather than to let ourselves be warmed and healed by your love. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those you love. We trust in objects we can create and control. We speak much and risk little. But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us. Forgive us, and give us courage to trust you and to let your love flow through us to others. 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

First Reading

1 Peter 2:7-10

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The Living Stone and a Chosen People

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

Second Reading

John 11:14-16; 14:1-4

NT Page 104

Jesus the Way to the Father

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

Sermon

Doubt and Hopelessness

Rev. Monty Clendenin



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
(tune HYFYDOL)

Hymnal #376

Prayers of the People

Offertory

When In the Hour
of Utmost Need

Johann Sebastian Bach

†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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal #138

†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

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

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**“Our doubts are traitors,
and make us lose the good we oft might win,
by fearing to attempt.”**

— William Shakespeare, *Measure for Measure*



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 - Next Sunday we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

Worship Service - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet this Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 in the parlor.

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Never be afraid to
TRUST
an unknown future
TO A KNOWN GOD.
CORRIE TEN BOOM

In Our Thoughts
& Prayers

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 – June 1
Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Scripture
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Elder Greeter
Sharon Ward

Lay Reader
Elsie Wheeler

Ushers
Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty

Servers
Casper Bell, Carolyn Padgett,
Laura Underhill, and Sharon Ward



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

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

Trustees
Carlton Ward

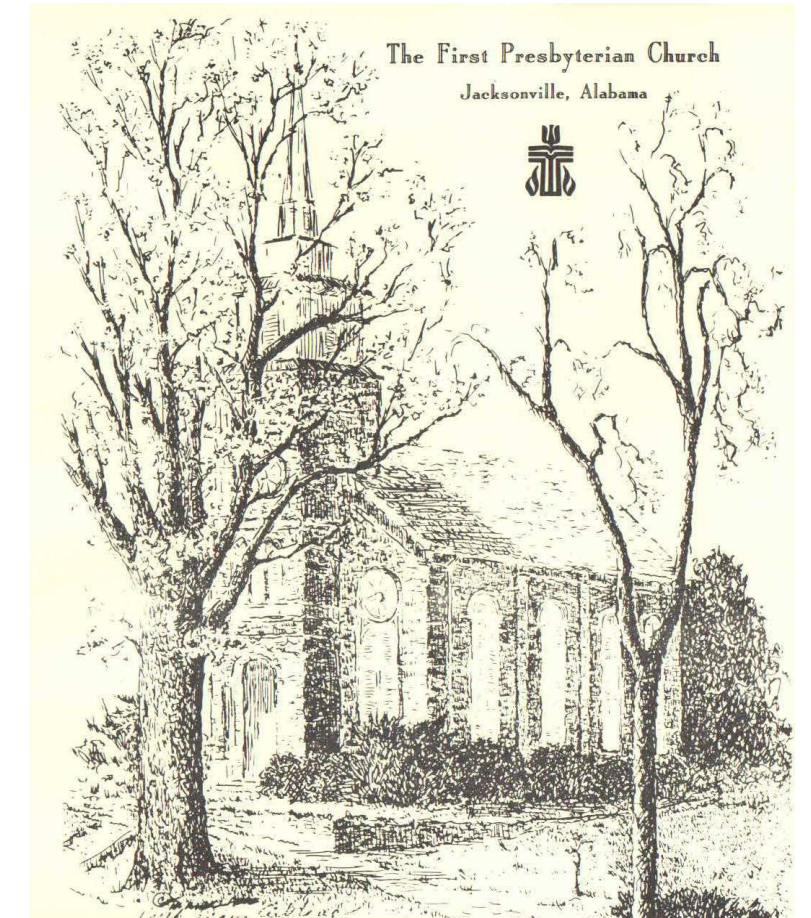
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We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.



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