



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter
Laura Underhill

Ushers
Cosper Bell and David Talley

Gathering

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

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* Burkette

Call to Worship

One: We walk in a time of pain and promises paved with stumbling stones, amid vivid colors of Divine dreams.

All: We lift our feet along pathways of questions and then raise our eyes to see the reflections of a hopeful light ahead.

One: We lie down at night to restless longings and then find ourselves in a surprising haven of peace.

All: This is our journey.

One: This is our faith!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King* Hymnal #139

†Affirmation of Faith From Romans 8

One: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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*Nothing can separate us
from Our Father's Love.*

Romans 8:39

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess our unfaithfulness to the truth we know. We so easily become fearful as we hear of war and rumors of war, as blood is needlessly and violently shed, as people starve and the homeless wander, as blank faces and staring eyes demand our notice. Our fear blinds us spiritually as well as emotionally and weakens the word of faith that as Christians we are called to speak to the world. Forgive our sin, we pray, and let us be born anew, that by faith-filled living and speaking we may share in your birthing of a new 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 Reading *Based on Isaiah 12*

One: We will say in our day: We give thanks to you, O God.

All: For, although you were angry with us, your anger turned away and you comforted us.

One: Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.

All: For God is our strength and our might. God has become our salvation.

One: With joy, we will draw water from the wells of life, and give thanks to God on that day.

All: Make known God's deeds among the nations. Announce that God's name is lifted high.

One: Sing praises to God who has done gloriously. Let God's goodness be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of God, for great in our midst is the Holy One.

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



† Please stand if you are able.

Time with the Young Church

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 OT Page 696

The prophet sees a day when there shall be "a new heavens and a new earth" in which there shall be peace and rejoicing for all the world.

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

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19 NT Page 85

Jesus warns his disciples against idle speculation about the future and urges them to live with confidence in the present age.

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

Sermon **Apocalypse** **Rev. Tom Winter.**

†Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Hymnal #404

Prayers of the People

Offertory *This Is My Father's World* Charles Callahan
(TUNE: Beata Terra)

†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 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* Hymnal #262

†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 *"Air" with Variations* George Frederic Handel



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 or tuna helper, tuna fish, canned meats or kook-aid to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

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.

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship on Sunday, December 1. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three elders to the class of 2016, a trustee for the class of 2016 and a Congregational Nominating Committee. The following persons will be nominated by the current Nominating Committee: **Elders** – Ethelyn Brown, Margaret Pope, and Don Seymour; **Trustee** – Cosper Bell; **Nominating Committee** – Rodney Petty, Aileen Ratzlaff, David Talley, and Hannah Underhill. Nominations will be received from the floor providing that the persons nominated have agreed to serve if elected.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Gene Fair
 Bobby Haynes
 Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)
 Joy Kelly and Family
 Stacy Boozer Mariani
 Bob Moore
 Ken Mount
 Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
 Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
 Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
 Ellen Simpson
 Thompson Nash Wagoner



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Next Sunday – November 24

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
 Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

Lay Reader

Austin Falk

Ushers

Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty



Worship Opportunities for this Week

	Time	Activity
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
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	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
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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

Wayne Claeren

Trustees

Lana Boozer

Carlton Ward

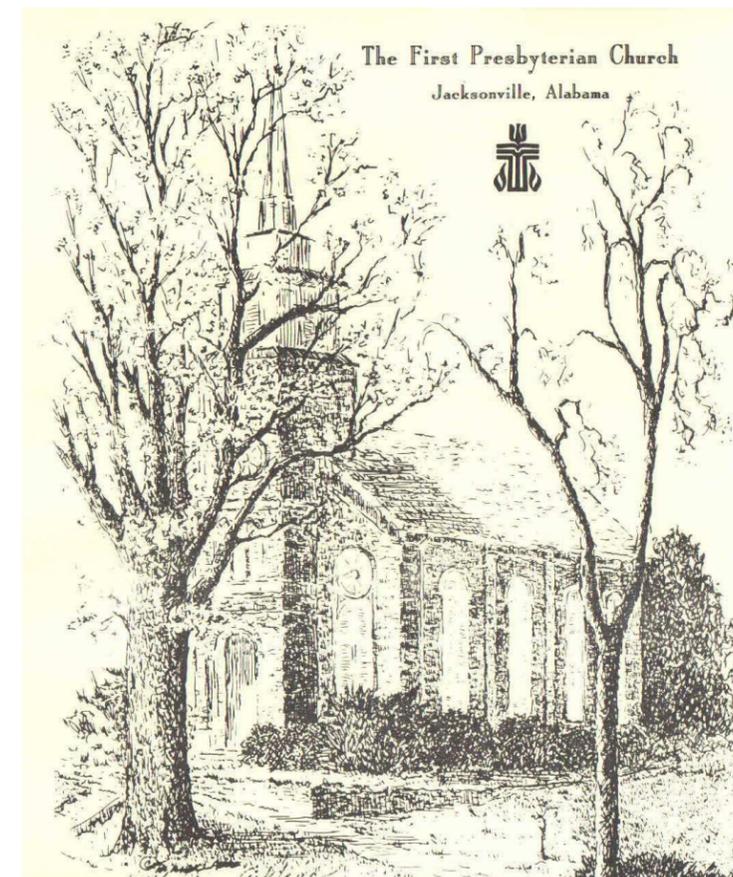
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