



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2014

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Carolyn Padgett

Elder Greeter
Sharon Ward

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 Ye Thankful People Come

Hugo Gehrke
and Callahan

Call to Worship

One: The Lord gives us light for our darkness.

All: The Lord gives us courage for us fears.

One: The Lord gives us strength for our weakness.

All: The Lord gives us wisdom for our confusion.

One: The Lord gives us peace for our turmoil.

All: O Lord, give us your own spirit as we worship this morning.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
(All 5 Verses)

Hymnal #210

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
traditional

Hymnal Page 14

Therefore
ENCOURAGE
one another & build up each other
as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Prayer of Confession

O God, life often overwhelms us, and we are afraid to risk what we have and who we are for Your sake. We confess that our faith wears thin, and our accommodations to culture take precedence; we believe the news more than Your Good News. Forgive us for hiding our lights under excuses, and burying our talents rather than sharing them. Cast out our sin and live in us: forgive us, renew us, and fill us with Your Spirit. 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 1Thessalonians 5:1-11 NT Page 205

The Coming of the Lord

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30 NT Page 28

The Parable of the Talents

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

Sermon

Faithful Until
The Lord Returns

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymnal #324

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Thanks Be to Thee

George Frederic Handel

†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

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Hymnal #552

†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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven-Broughton

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God entrusts gifts to the church for our stewardship. We shall be held accountable for our good stewardship of the gifts that God has entrusted to us. One of the most valuable gifts entrusted to the church is the gift of telling the truth to a world that often lives by lies.

Your talent is God's
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



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 and kool-aid to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

We will receive the **Presbyterian Children's Home Offering** 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.

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship on Sunday, November 23. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three elders to the class of 2017, a trustee for the class of 2017 and a Congregational Nominating Committee.



In Sympathy

The congregation extends its sympathy to the Dan Neisler family. Dan passed away this past week. Please keep his wife Millie and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Dorothy DiBartolo
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
 Gene Fair
 Larry Fair
 Pat Fitzsimmons
 Lynsey Gillam
 Bobby Haynes
 Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)
 Pat Kochan
 Lee Manners
 Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)
 Ken Mount
 Diane Mount Nisbet
 Carolyn Paris
 Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
 Ivan Ratzlaff
 Ellen Simpson
 Rodney Sprayberry
 Thompson Nash Wagoner
 Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – November 23

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
 Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Elder Greeter

Barbara Franklin

Lay Reader

Wayne Claeren

Ushers

Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty



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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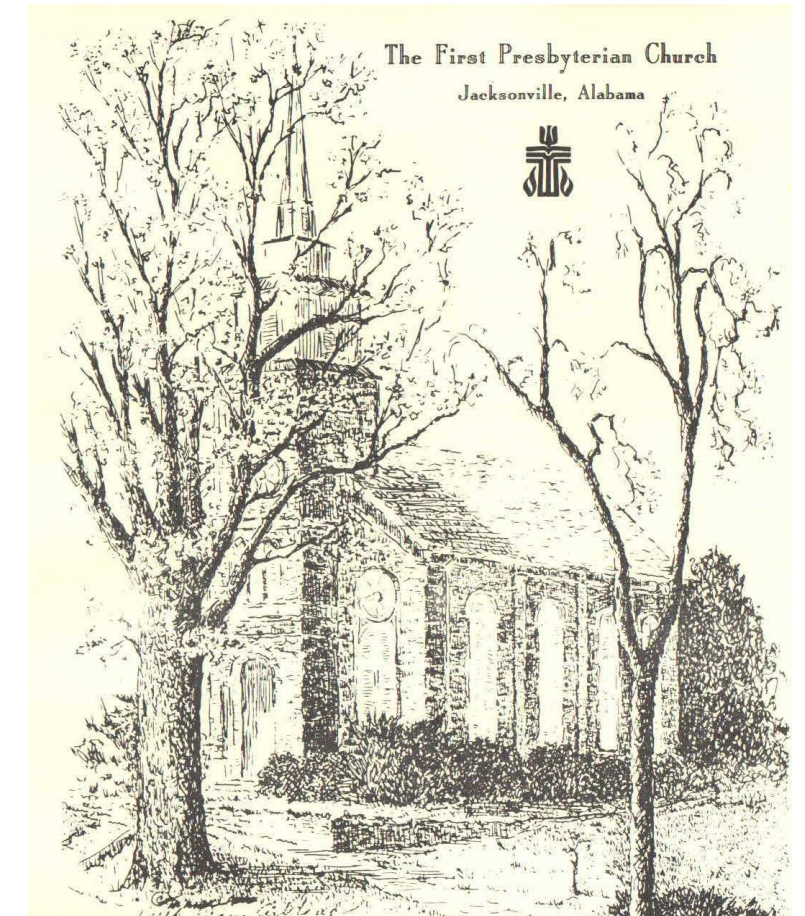
Church Office Hours

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

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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.