



**31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 2, 2014**

Rev Bill Wills

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Gary Brown

Elder Greeter
Barbara Franklin

Ushers
Carlton and Sharon Ward

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ∞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ∞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude

For All the Saints
(Hymn Ref.# 526 Tune:SINE NOMINE)

Lani Smith

Call to Worship

One: When the boat of our life rocks in the storm,

All: Jesus saves us!

One: When the darkness of deep waters threatens our safety,

All: Jesus saves us!

One: When faith falters and fear surges in,

All: Jesus saves us!

One: What cause for celebration! Let us with gratitude and joy worship the God of our salvation.

Prayer of Adoration

†Hymn

For All the Saints Hymnal #526

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed traditional Hymnal Page 14



Prayer of Confession

Shepherd, Healer, Gate and Gate Keeper, Living God, you shower us with abundance, you lead us to green pastures, you bless us with beauty. But we have listened to the sheep stealers, to those whose definition of abundance lies in possessions, whose green pastures are lifeless, whose definition of beauty is the frantic preservation of a condition that is unnatural and contrary to your design and desire to create each one of us, like a snowflake, unique. You love us as we are, not as we imagine we ought to be. May we see each other, and ourselves, as you see us. May we grow to appreciate the gifts you have showered us with, your blessings, your love, and may we grow to return these with gratitude and thanksgiving. These things we pray, sheep of your green pastures.

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23:1-6 OT Page 501

The Divine Shepherd

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

New Testament Reading James 1:2-8 NT Page 228

Faith and Wisdom

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

Sermon

Life in the Valley

Rev. Bill Wills



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together Hymnal #513

Offertory

Larghetto 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

†Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Servers: Ethelyn Brown, Carolyn Padgett, Margaret Pope and Sharon Ward

Prayers of the People

Sending

†Hymn

God of Our Life Hymnal #275

† 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

Now Thank We All Our God Travis
(Hymn Ref. #555 Nun danket alle Gott)

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Though we are faced daily with struggles and anxiety, Jesus came that we might have life abundant; life that is richly lived today and filled with the promise of something more.

Yet the something more that Jesus offers, his "abundant life," may not be the abundance and the life that we expected!



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 - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

Session Meeting - The Session will meet today 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

Please join us next Sunday for a **special service honoring our veterans**. This year we will have a specific focus on those vets who served in World War II. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



We welcome back **Rev. Bill Wills** as our guest pastor for today's services.



Don't let your trials change the way you see God... Let God change the way you see your trials.

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
Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)
Ken Mount
Dan Neisler
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 9
Special Service Honoring our Veterans
Chaplain Jim Wilson

Scripture

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Elder Greeter

Barbara Franklin

Lay Reader

David Talley

Ushers

Trish and Nathan Ballard



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
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	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service – Honoring our Veterans
	5:00pm	Bible Study

Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

Class of 2014	The Session	Class of 2016
Wayne Claeren	Class of 2015	Ethelyn Brown
Barbara Franklin	Aleta Bell	Margaret Pope
Laura Underhill	Carolyn Padgett	Donald Seymour
	Sharon Ward	

Trustees
Lana Boozer
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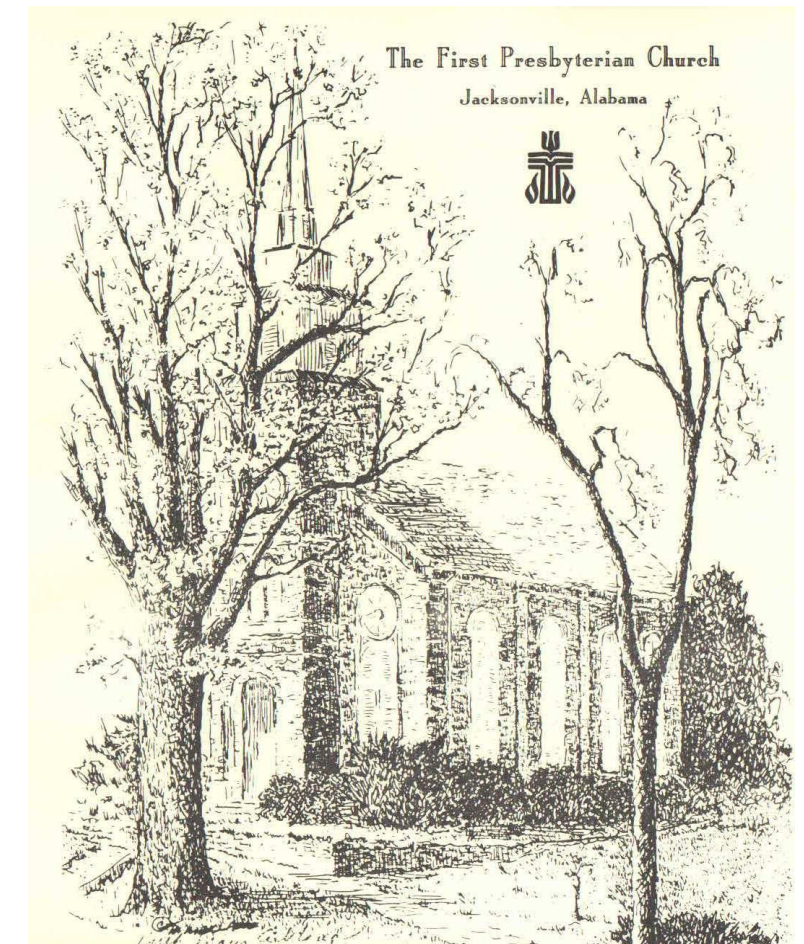
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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Jacksonville, Alabama



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