



1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014



Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Ethelyn Brown

Elder Greeter
Barbara Franklin

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Candle of Hope* Carolyn Padgett

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel Was Sent* Anna Laura Page (Arr.)
(Hymn Ref: #16)

Call to Worship

Prayer for Israel's Restoration Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

All: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

One: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

One: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.



Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymnal #9

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
traditional

Prayer of Confession *From Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia*

Save us, O God, from prayers that are too fluent, and from softly spoken insincerities. Make us beware the language which in its soothing beauty hides the truth, and especially the truth about ourselves. When the tranquilizing word is spoken, grant us wisdom to know its danger and deceitfulness, lest we still the voice of conscience, trying to falsely forget our own unrest. Remind us how brittle is that shelter which we build about ourselves with comfortable phrases. Show us the vanity of our self-deceiving words. Grant us to know that the paths of real peace are guarded by truth and guided by righteousness. And so let us see here together on this day that pretense is unavailing when we would talk with You, O God. For in the name of Him Who exemplified Your path of peace and way of truth we pray, even Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-12 OT Page 640
The Peaceful Kingdom

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

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-56 NT Page 57
Mary Visits Elizabeth

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

Sermon **Mary Did You Know?** Rev. Monty Clendenin

† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hymnal #5

Prayers of the People

Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter* David Laskey (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 *What Child Is This* Hymnal #53

†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 *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach
from *Christmas Oratorio*

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Advent texts, though sometimes strange and challenging, announce to us that the future is not solely in our hands. By the grace of God, God shall bring to glorious completion that good work God began in creation and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Knowing this hope, we are strengthened in the present day and given hope for the future. We do not always know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future! We have seen the future and it is, by God's interventionist love, considerably more open than we first thought. God is rending the heavens and coming down to us. This is the hope of Advent that gives us hope for the future. God is coming.



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.

Session Meeting - The Session will meet at 12:30 next Sunday, December 7th instead of the second Sunday in December. Please remember to bring your lunch.

Installation of Elders - Cospir Bell, Bonnie Seymour, and Steve Underhill will be installed as elders next Sunday, December 7th.



*In Our 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
Darlene Shults
Ellen Simpson
Rodney Sprayberry
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – December 7

Rev. Margaret Northen

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

Lay Reader

Barbara Franklin

Ushers

Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour

Servers

Wayne Claeren, Barbara Franklin,
Don Seymour and Laura Underhill



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
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**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

Cospir Bell



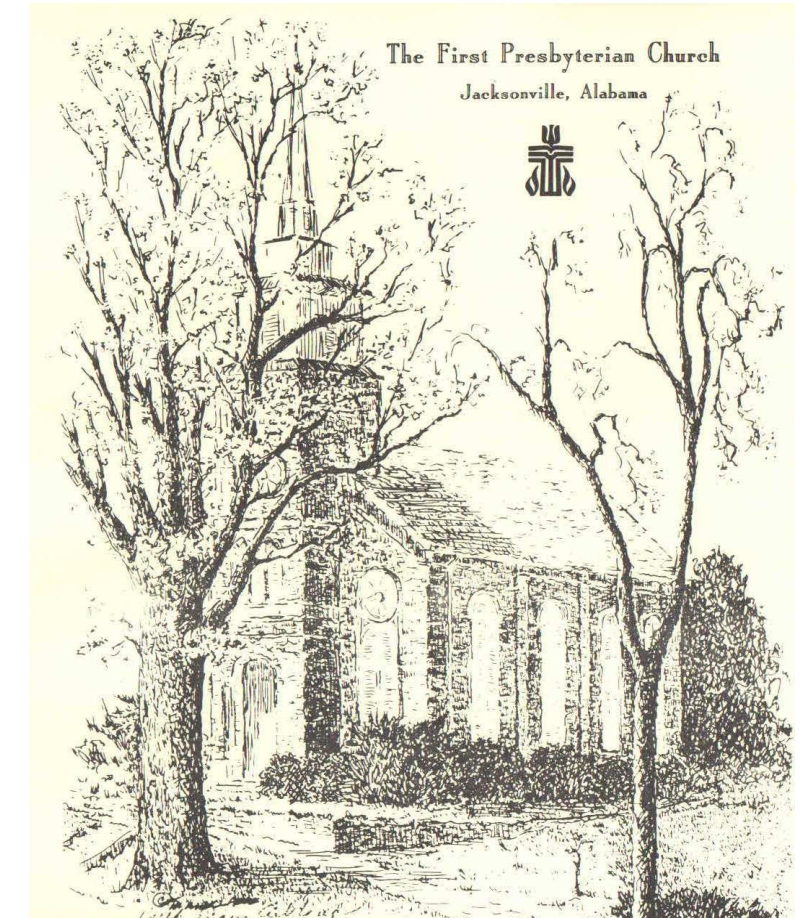
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