



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Laura Underhill

Elder Greeter
Cosper Bell

Ushers
Jerry Boozer 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 *Elegiac Prelude on "Jerusalem"* Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

One: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

All: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and for evermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

One: Who is like LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

One: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

One and All: **Praise the LORD!**

God the Helper of the Needy

Psalms 113

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Hymnal #145

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



May God Bless and Keep You

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess the hypocrisy and sin in our lives, the self-righteousness and pride that creep into our religious practice. We can attend to our rituals, adhere to our denominational doctrines, give alms and extend hospitality, but fail to receive and radiate the love of Christ. In our busy preoccupation with the externals of religion we can neglect to nurture the inner spiritual relationship with you that gives Spirit and Life to our deeds. Our lips may be open but not our hearts. We may bend the knee but not the will. We may wear holy faces to cover unholy lives. We know that Jesus denounced the pretentious outer form of religion and pious practice, and called for the circumcision of our hearts with renewal of life from within, but we fear to expose ourselves. Forgive and sanctify us in holy intent and in holy practice. We pray. *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 Samuel 2:1-10 OT Page 245
Old Hannah, childless for many years, prays to God for a child, promising to dedicate her child to the service of God. Thus, the prophet Samuel is born.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music by JSU Vocal Ensemble

Madison Baldwin, Brianna Guest, Chris Serrano, Taylor Neese

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 NT Page 224
Christ is the unique mediator between humanity of God, the great high priest who sits at the right hand of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **The Great High Priest** Rev. Dr. Bob Ford



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymnal #388

Prayers of the People

Offertory *This Is My Father's World* Charles Callahan

†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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Hymnal #280

†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.

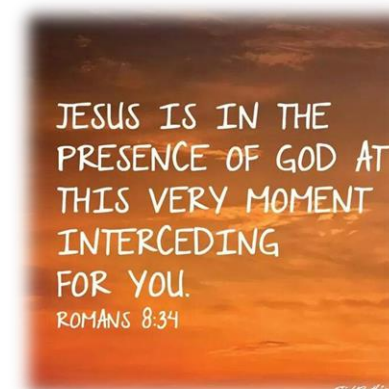
Postlude *Voluntary in D* John Alcock

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Jesus is the great High Priest who mediates between God and us. Through

Jesus we have access to an otherwise inaccessible God. God does something decisive about the problem between God and us through Jesus

Christ, the High Priest whose person and work heals the rift between sinful humanity and a righteous, but also loving, 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 helper or tuna helper, tuna fish, canned meats, and kool-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.

Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship on Sunday, December 6, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three elders to the class of 2018, a trustee for the class of 2018 and a Congregational Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed ballots to nominate people to these positions.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Nate Adams (friend of Bob Ford)
 Scott Ballard
 Autumn Campbell
 The family of Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Dorothy DiBartolo
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
 Gene Fair
 Larry Fair
 Charlie Firestine (childhood friend of Steve Underhill)
 Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)
 Lynsey Gillam
 Rickey Gilley (of Piedmont)
 Bobby Haynes
 Lee Manners
 Roberta McWorter
 Troy Mitchell
 Carla Moses
 Curtis Sasser
 Ellen Simpson
 Mary Stinson (friend of Bobby Haynes)
 Sandra Underwood (friend of Bonnie Seymour)
 Thompson Nash Wagoner
 Marge Walters



Next Sunday –November 22

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18);
 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

Cosper Bell

Ushers

Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren



Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Third Sunday Dinner
	5:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
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Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Cosper Bell, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
 Carolyn Padgett
 Sharon Ward

Class of 2016

Ethelyn Brown
 Margaret Pope
 Donald Seymour

Class of 2017

Cosper Bell
 Bonnie Seymour
 Steve Underhill

Trustees

Carlton Ward

Cosper Bell

Wayne Claeren



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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.