



# 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Carlton Ward

Elder Greeter  
Wayne Claeren

Ushers  
Wayne Claeren 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

Moment for Mission ☞ Barbara Franklin

Prelude

Remembrance of Thee

Mansfield

## Call to Worship

based on Psalm 137

One: By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat down and there we wept.

All: By the rivers of the United States and Israel.  
there we sat down and there we wept.

One: By the rivers of Syria and Iran,  
there we sat down and there we wept.

All: By the rivers of Kenya, Somalia, and the Sudan  
there we sat down and there we wept.

One: By the rivers of all nations – east and west, north and south –  
there we sat down and there we wept.

All: Look, O Lord, and see our shared sorrow.  
See our shared suffering.

One: Come in power and love to remind us of the promise of life.  
Come in power and love to help your world.

All: Let us worship God!

## Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Hymnal #138

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

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed, we have not been what you intend us to be, we have not been what we want to be. We would touch the world with goodness, but we chase after our own salvation. We would care for your creation, but we squander it with little thought for those still

to come. We would meet the needs of others, but we find ourselves reluctant to share. We need you, God, if we are to become who you want us to be. Renew our faith day by day and make it as big as a mustard seed, full of promise and possibility. Let us see the signs and parables you have for us in the world today. 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 Psalm A psalm of lament. based on Psalm 137

One: By the rivers of sorrow - there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered all we have lost -

All: Home, hearth, and heart - place, identity, and love. Our sorrows are many and varied, yet we have all shared, in greater and lesser measure, in this walk of sorrows.

One: On the willows God's people hung up their harps. Like them we've had to set aside those things which brought joy. Their captors demanded a song. Our own tormentors, often unknowing, have demanded we resume a normal life when that seems impossible.

All: How can we sing God's song in a foreign land? How can food ever taste good again, how can our pleasures ever seem right, ever again?

One: The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

All: God, your steadfast love never ceases, your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. My hope is in you.

One: We will set you, Restorer, Healer, Redeemer, above our highest joy. With your help we will remember our losses, not only with tears, but with hope.

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

## Time with the Young People

First Reading Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26 OT Page 762

Lamentations is the poetry of lament, the anguish of people who have suffered pain, loss, and grief.

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



† Please stand if you are able.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

NT Page 80

Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed.

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

## ♩Solo

Hymn Reference #519

Humbly, I Adore Thee Celcelia Talley, Soloist

Plain Song, 13<sup>th</sup> Century

## Sermon

Mustard Seed Faith

Rev. Tom Winter

## Prayer of Dedication

### Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "St. Cuthbert"

Healey Willan

### †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.

## †Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Servers: Cosper Bell, Wayne Claeren, Ivan Ratzlaff and Carlton Ward

†Invitation to the Table

†Hymn Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Hymnal No. 504

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## Sending

†Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West Hymnal #439

## †Benediction

One: Carry with you these words of hope:

All: God's steadfast love never ceases.

One: God's mercies never come to an end.

All: Great is God's faithfulness.

One: And by your prayers and actions,  
Make these words so! Amen.

†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

Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 13

George Frederic Handel

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## 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 one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

**Nursery will be provided** for all children 6 years and under.

**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

### Announcements

**Special Offering** - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

**Session Meeting** - The Session will meet next Sunday at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

*Faith* IS LIKE THE wind,  
YOU CAN'T see IT  
BUT YOU *know* IT IS THERE.



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

#### Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Randall Blades (friend of Carlton Ward)  
Anne Clark (Sharon Ward's aunt)  
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  
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)  
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)  
Ellen Simpson  
Thompson Nash Wagoner



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**Next Sunday - October 13**

*Rev. Tom Winter*

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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#### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study (An Abiding Hope)
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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

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Barbara Franklin  
Laura Underhill

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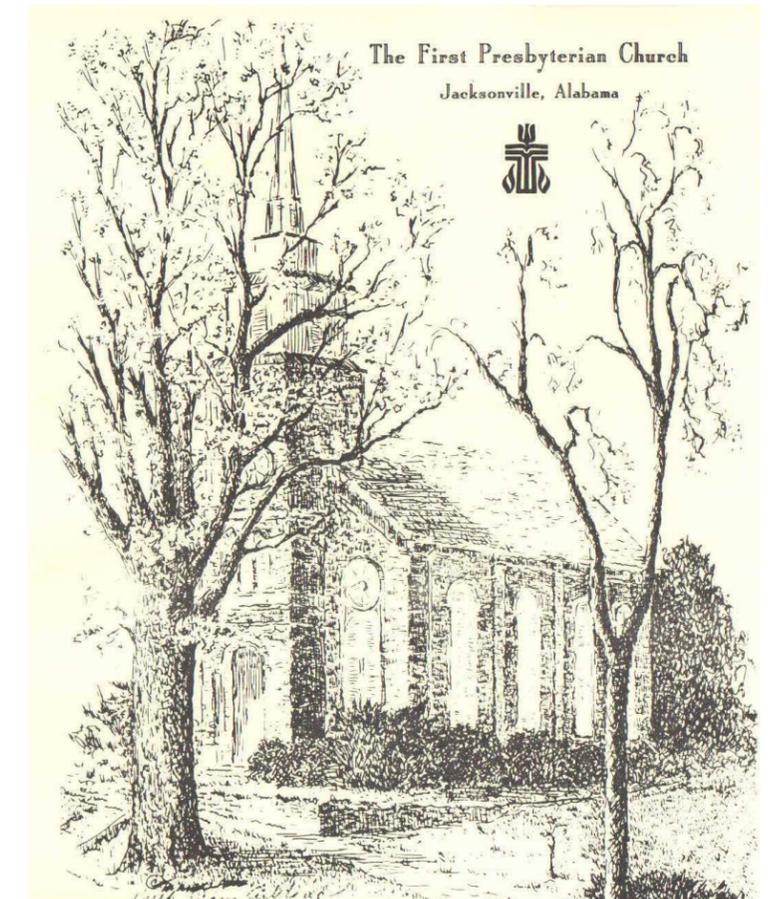
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