



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Don Seymour

Elder Greeter
Sharon Ward

Ushers
Ethelyn Brown and Don Seymour

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation
Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible
Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

One: The Christ tenderly carries the lost on the strong shoulders of concern. The Spirit never ceases searching for the ones who wait on the edges of life. For no one is outside the love of God.

All: **At the table of Christ, we join the little and the least. They eat and drink with delighted hearts accompanied by acceptance and love. For no one is outside the love of God.**

One: So let us worship the Lord of Live!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal #267

†Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Litany of Confession

One: Jesus Christ, who sits among all people, we are grateful that you visit us with your generous spirit. It is your patient kindness to us that allows us to admit who we are this day.

All: **It is often hard for us, Lord, to invite all people to the table of your love. We look at some and cannot see what you discover in them. Sometimes their lifestyles or politics are alien to us and the connections are difficult for us to make.**

One: Then, Lord, we know that some people who are in need are easier to love than others. The lost sheep of this world are not always attractive. They are often angry, attacking and ungrateful for small mercies.

All: **We are human, Lord. Give us your grace and lead us on toward a larger love. This we pray in faith. 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 Psalm 14
A psalm of meditation and lament, prayer and celebration

One: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

All: **They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.**

One: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any wise, who seek after God.

All: **They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.**

One: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

All: **There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**

One: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of God's people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel would be glad.

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

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 OT Page 702

"A hot wind comes from me," says the prophet as he speaks words of harsh judgment to the people of Israel.

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

Time with the Young Church

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10 NT Page 78

Jesus' critics grumble against him because "this fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

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

Sermon **Look Who's Having Dinner with Jesus** **Rev. Tom Winter**

†Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* Hymnal #306

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Let All Together Praise Our God* Robert Powell

†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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal #276

†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 *Postlude on Hymn Tune "Fredericktown"* Robert Powell



† Please stand if you are able.

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

Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) – Today we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small packages of rice, 1 or 2 lb. bags of sugar, breakfast cereal (hot or cold) and grits 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.



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

Next Sunday – September 22

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Elder Greeter

Sharon Ward

Lay Reader

Nancy Stewart

Ushers

Glen and Barbara Franklin



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
Wednesday	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

Class of 2014

Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Class of 2015

Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

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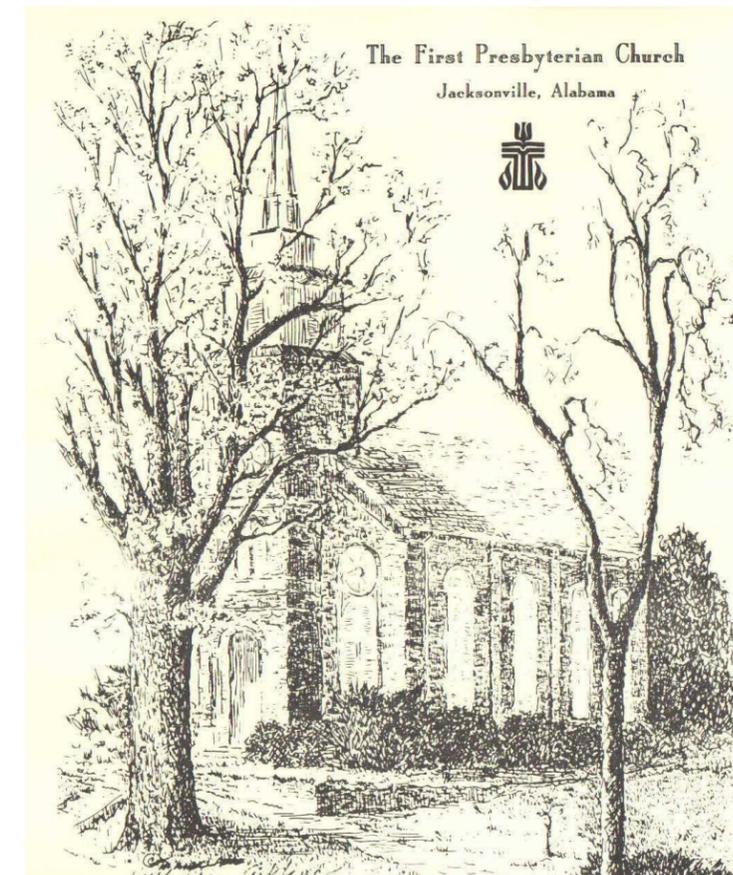
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.



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