

 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
September 29, 2013

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Austin Falk

Elder Greeter
Sharon Ward

Ushers
Toby and Austin Falk

Gathering

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

Prelude *Hymn to Joy* Beethoven-Travis

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-11

One: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

All: **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

All: **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

One: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

All: **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

One: Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

All: **I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

One: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

All: **Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Take My Life* Hymnal #391

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
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Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for not being willing to take up our cross and follow You. We have avoided carrying the crosses of self-denial and of self-discipline. We have seldom shouldered responsibility for the burdens of poverty, of injustice, and of discrimination. We have yielded to the pressures of social conformity rather than carrying the cross of seeming odd or different. We have complained bitterly when asked to carry the burden of sickness and pain. We ask, Lord Jesus, not that You will remove the cross, but that You will strengthen both our resolve and our ability to carry it. 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 Hosea 13:9-14; 14:4-7 OT Page 844

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

New Testament Reading Romans 1:14-17 NT Page 152

The Power of the Gospel

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

Sermon The Forbidden "E" Word Rev. Monty Clendenin

† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Hymnal #357

Prayers of the People

Offertory *My Faith Looks up to Thee* Arr. Paul Karvonen

†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 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Hymnal #408

†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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz

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The first ministers were the twelve disciples. There is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they were brighter or nicer than other people.....their sole qualification seems to have been their initial willingness to rise to their feet when Jesus said, "follow me".

Help us, Lord, to do the same. Amen.

Frederich Buechner



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.

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.

Please use the enclosed form from the Nominating Committee to recommend church members to the Session. The forms must be turned in by October 13.



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 –October 6 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Tom Winter

Scripture

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

Carlton Ward

Ushers

Wayne Claeren and David Talley

Servers

Cosper Bell, Wayne Claeren,
Ivan Ratzlaff and Carlton Ward



Worship Opportunities for this Week

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

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

Trustees

Wayne Claeren

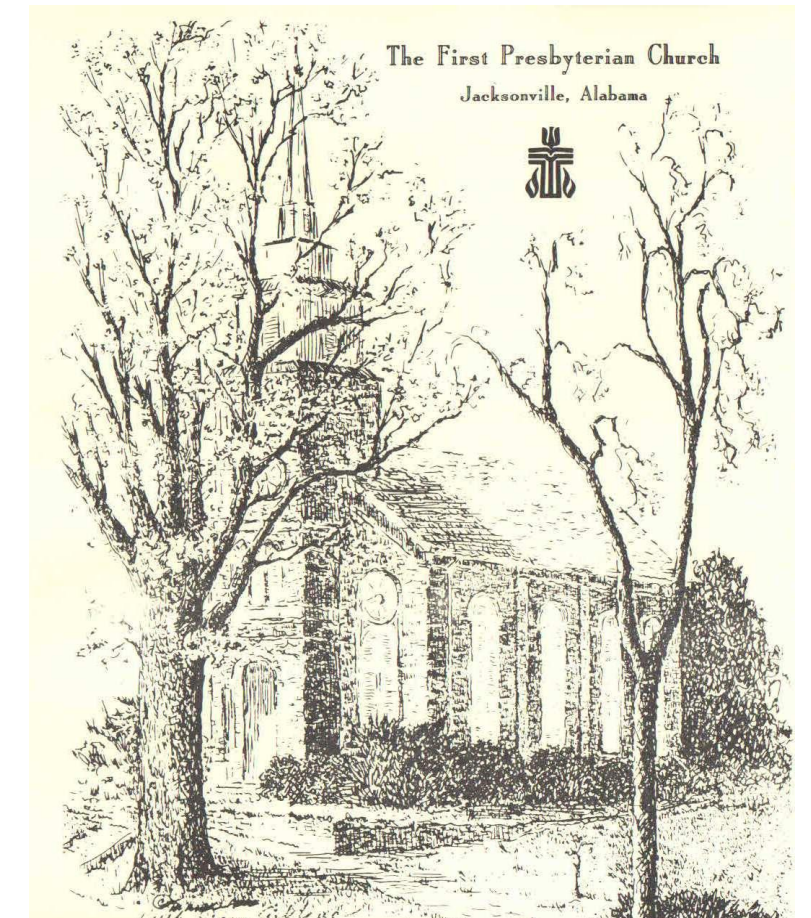
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