



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 14, 2014

Rev. Monty Clendenin Guest Pianist: Dr. Andy Nevala

Lay Reader Carolyn Padgett	Elder Greeter Don Seymour	Ushers Jerry Boozer and Rodney Petty
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Gathering

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

Prelude *Piano Selection*

Call to Worship

Longing for God and His Help in Distress *Psalm 42:1-11*

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, ‘Where is your God?’

One: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

One: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

All: Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

One: By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

All: I say to God, my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?’ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, ‘Where is your God?’

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord’s Prayer

†Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymn #85

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

Prayer of Confession

Powerful and merciful God, You have blessed us abundantly, and we have complained. You have linked our lives with others, and we have abused their trust. We have despised our birthright and misused Your blessing, we have left undone many of the tasks you set before us, while pursuing passions and pleasures that have become our gods. We have strayed so far from the truth that we find truth hard to recognize. We are sinners with no place to turn except to Your compassion and salvation, pleading for forgiveness and strength to lead a new life in Christ Jesus. 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 1 Kings 19:1-15 OT Page 326
Elijah Flees from Jezebel
 One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading John 17:20-26 NT Page 111
Jesus Prays for His Disciples
 One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **We Are Not In This Alone** Rev. Monty Clendenin



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Hymnal #345

Offertory *Piano Selection*

†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

Prayers of the People

Sending

†Hymn *When Will People Cease Their Fighting* Hymnal #401

†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 *Piano Selection*



Great God: You have put us to work in the world, reaping the harvest of Your Word. May we be modest servants, who follow orders willingly, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your faithful Son, our Lord. Amen.

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PEACE
*cannot be kept
 by force
 It can only be
 achieved by
 understanding*
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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 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) – Next Sunday we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small packages of rice, 1 or 2 lb. bags of sugar, and breakfast cereal (hot or cold) to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

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

Alone
we can do so little
Together
we can do so much
Helen Keller

*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
Lynsey Gillam
Bobby Haynes
Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)
Margo Miller (3 year old with Leukemia-requested by Laura Underhill)
Ken Mount
Dan Neisler
Diane Mount Nisbet
Carolyn Paris
Peggy Parrish (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
Ivan Ratzlaff
Ellen Simpson
Rodney Sprayberry
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



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Next Sunday –September 21

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Elder Greeter

Don Seymour

Lay Reader

Don Seymour

Ushers

Gary Brown and Don Seymour



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Day	Time	Activity
Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00am	No Bible Study
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	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study

**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
Donald Seymour

Trustees
Lana Boozer

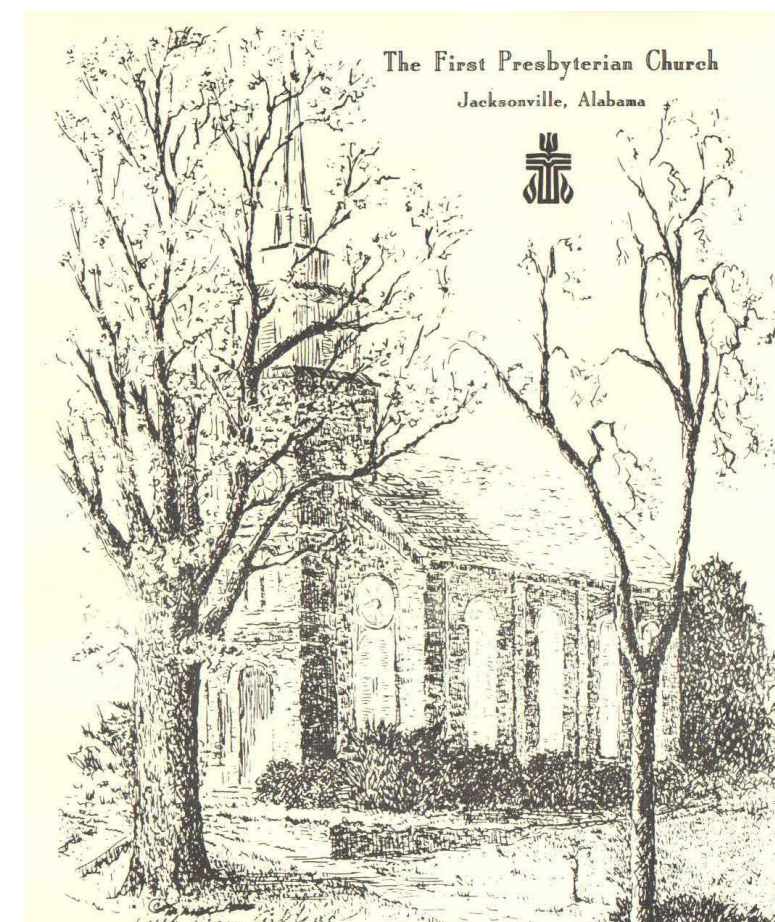
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.