

 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
September 21, 2014

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Guest Pianist: Dr. Andy Nevala

Lay Reader
Don Seymour

Elder Greeter
Don Seymour

Ushers
Gary 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

Piano Selection

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-6

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

One: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal #487

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



Prayer of Confession

Righteous and Holy God, we confess we have all done those things we ought not to have done, and have neglected to do those things which are of your will and way. We freely acknowledge our misdoings and our need for your mercy and forgiveness. Even when we have tried to do the best we know, we have experienced times of suffering from what we perceive to be unjust words and actions toward us. We confess that resentment has arisen with the hurt, and thoughts of retaliation have taken root within us. Forgive and cleanse us from the impure thoughts and judgments based on prejudice or jealousy, anger or vengeance. Give us new hearts of forgiveness, generosity, and gracious mercy, 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

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-15 OT Page 62

Bread from Heaven

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

New Testament Reading Philippians 1:21-30 NT Page 196

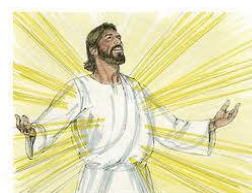
Paul's Present Circumstances

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

Sermon

Living for Christ

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Hymnal #387

Prayers of the People

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

Sending

†Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Hymnal #423

†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

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The key to our lives is not in us, but in Jesus. Jesus is not only the full revelation of who God is but also the revelation of who we are and are meant to be. We cannot learn our true purpose and meaning by focusing on ourselves.

Christians believe that one of the great gifts of the Christian faith is that we are rescued from our self-obsession and our self-preoccupation to turn toward

Christ, the true destiny of ourselves.



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 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.

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.

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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
 Pat Fitzsimmons
 Lynsey Gillam
 Bobby Haynes
 Tom Hester (Glenn and Mary Agnes Hester's son)
 Pat Kochan
 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)



Next Sunday – September 28

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
 Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Elder Greeter

Don Seymour

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
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:45am	Sunday School
	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
 Don Seymour

Lana Boozer

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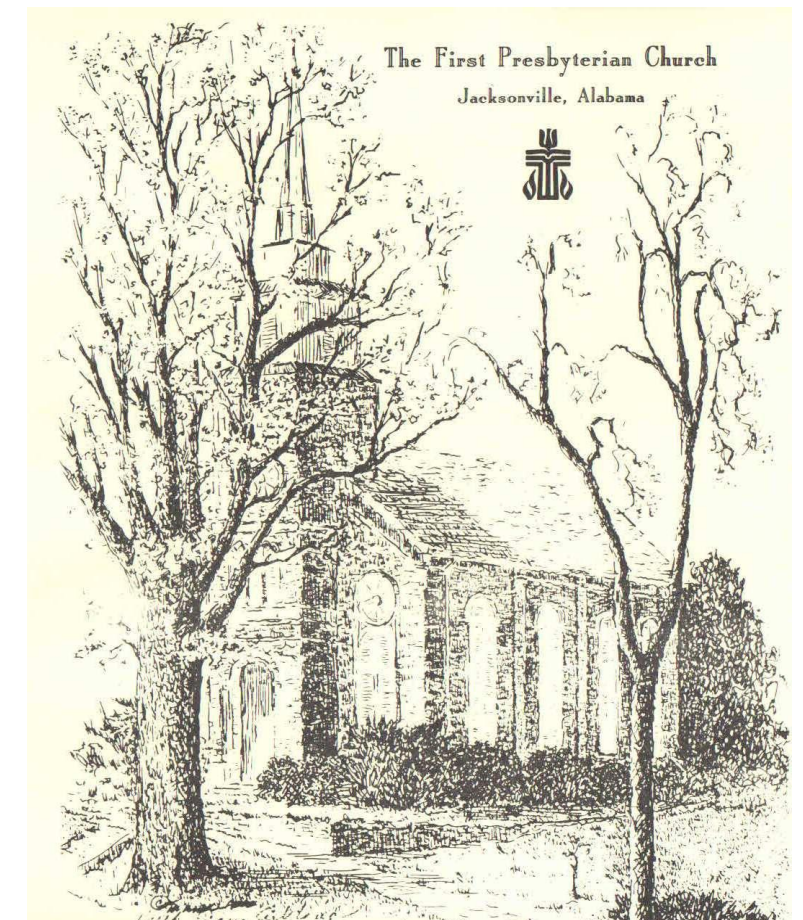
Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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