



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2014

Rev. Patricia Vanderpol

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Nancy Stewart

Elder Greeter
Don Seymour

Ushers
Glen and Barbara Franklin

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* Robert Powell
(TUNE: LLANFAIR)

Call to Worship

One: Jesus prays for the disciples saying, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world . . . The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, even as we are one."

All: "I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

One: Let us worship God in the unity of the Spirit which is ours in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* Hymnal #481

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

Lord Jesus, you prayed that we might be one even as you and your Father are one. You understood how dissension, division, and disunity could enter and destroy the peace of our fellowship as Christians! We repent when we have allowed our creeds – ancient and contemporary – to become barriers to community. Too often we fail to live the unity we profess. Petty jealousies, arrogant superiorities, and nasty criticisms set us against one another. Harbored resentments, hidden angers, unhealed hurts, and the failure to forgive keep us from the reconciliation and restoration to peace which is your will for us. We confess that not only our worship but the unity of hearts and souls is marred by our sin. Give us contrite hearts and humble spirits, that through sincere repentance we may be blessed with your forgiveness. **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

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:1-13 NT Page 197
Imitating Christ's Humility

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32 NT Page 23
The Authority of Jesus Questioned

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

Sermon **By Whose Authority?** Rev. Patricia Vanderpol



† Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Guide My Feet* Hymnal #354

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Little Prelude in E Minor* Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

†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 We Know That Christ Is Raised Hymnal #495

†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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Robert Hobby

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One of the perennial struggles of the people of God has always been what response we should make to the new – new light, new ideas, new challenges, new world. Today's scripture asks the church if we will make the same mistake as the scribes and Pharisees by rejecting the new revelation that God sends. Or will we be open to the new summons that God places before us?



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

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.

We welcome back **Rev. Patricia Vanderpol** as our guest pastor for today's service.

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Faith
is the substance
of things hoped for,
the evidence of
things not seen.

*In Our Thoughts
& 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
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 – October 5

Rev. Dr. Bob Ford

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Elder Greeter

Wayne Claeren

Lay Reader

Carlton Ward

Ushers

Wayne Claeren and David Talley

Servers

Cosper Bell, Wayne Claeren,
Barbara Franklin, and Laura Underhill



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 – <i>Consider the Birds</i>
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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

Trustees
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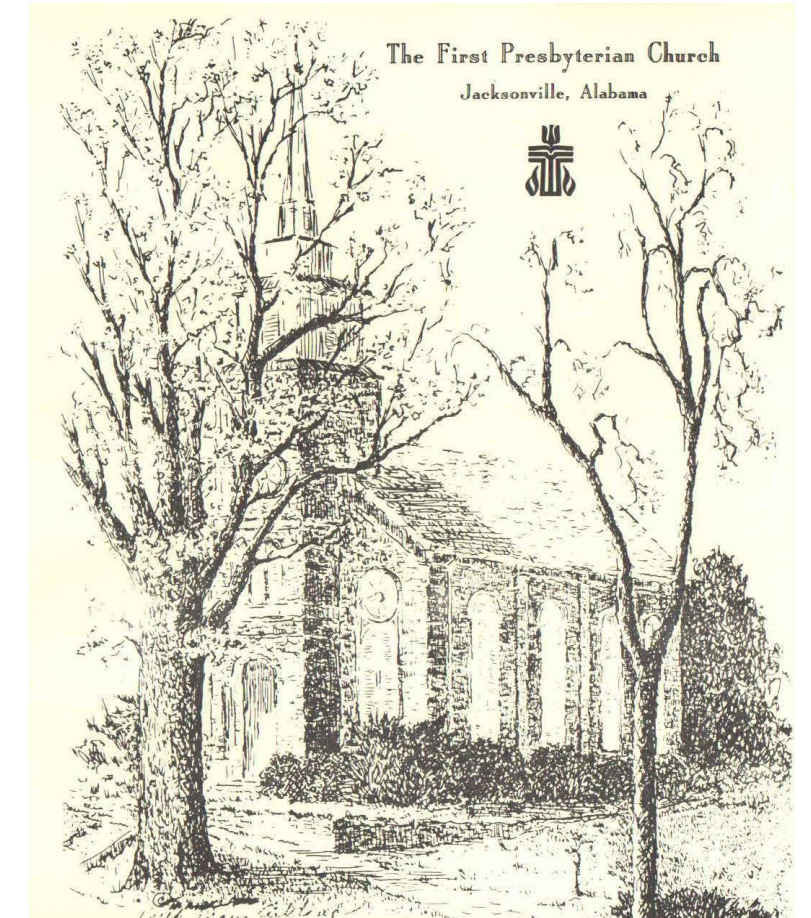
Church Office Hours
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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Jacksonville, Alabama



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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.