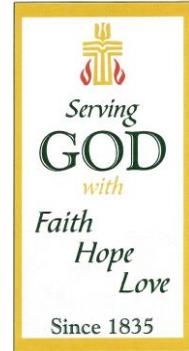


**A Celebration of Holy Communion**  
**Service of Worship**  
**Sunday, September 7, 2014**  
**at 11 a.m.**



**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

**PRELUDE**

*With the first notes of the organ, please silently prepare yourself for worship.*

**THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus has promised us: I am with you  
when you gather in my name.

**People: We rejoice in the presence of the Lord.**

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep.

**Peoples: Now our salvation is near!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 376**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our redeemer, we confess  
that we remain captivated by sin.  
We fail in our love for you,  
forgetting your gracious acts.  
We fail in our love for one another,  
forsaking our neighbors' needs.  
Forgive us; liberate us!  
Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

*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.**

**TO HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD.....**

**A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Children ages 5 and under are excused to go downstairs following our Children's time.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Psalm 149**

***Pew Bible Page #744***

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

## **THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Matthew 15: 18-20**  
*Pew Bible Page # 22-23*

The Response:    Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
                          People:    Thanks be to God

### **ANTHEM**

### **SERMON**

**“Two or Three Gathered”**

**Rev. Dr. Ted Land**

### **\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No.370**

**“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY

#### \*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

### TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please hold the elements until all have been served)

### TO GO OUT AND SERVE

\* HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

\*POSTLUDE

\*All who can do so comfortably will stand

**To Our Guests** – Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna. We are happy to have you worship with us today. We invite you to join us each Sunday, as we worship and study God’s word. If you would like more information concerning our church, you may fill out one of the *Welcome* cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate, talk to the ushers or call the church office.

Everyone who seeks to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share in the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** with us. According to the tradition of this congregation, we will hold the bread and the cup in order that we might eat and drink together when we are invited to do so. You are encouraged to hold the bread with the napkin provided as you break off your piece.

**Nursery care** is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning. Children may be taken to the nursery before the service begins, or after the Time with Our Children.

The **flowers** gracing our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by John and Vikki Milton.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Ise Daffin, Gina Stuart, Tyler Ward (grandson of Bud and Mary Wierman), Louise Wilkinson Spivey, James Carpenter, (Freddie's brother), Sid Riley and Hubert Mitchell (requested by Dot Carpenter), Cliff Stewart (requested by Ginger Green), Betty Pettis, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Mary McLure Clark, Jeff Hinson and Family, Louise Pumphrey, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue Land.

Every Sunday morning there are **Sunday School Classes** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There are three classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying: Restoration *Jeremiah 31:31-37*. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

### **“Book of Twelve” Study Continues**

In the Old Testament, there are several books of prophecy. These are usually broken down into two categories: the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc.) and the Minor Prophets. In the Hebrew Bible, those minor prophets are all part of one book, the Book of the Twelve.

Wednesday evenings this Fall, Interim Pastor Ted Land will be leading a Bible study based on these prophets: their lives, their teachings, their impact. The study will follow the **Covered Dish Pot Luck Supper** each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wild Wonderful Wednesday**, our afterschool children's program begins this Wednesday, September 10, and we are adding a new and exciting feature this year. Mandy Deese, our Director of Music, enjoyed working with the children in Vacation Bible School so much that she is going to be doing a children's music segment each Wednesday. Handballs will be featured. Fun, some games, some snacks, a Bible story, music, more fun, among our good friends: these are the things we do on Wild Wonderful Wednesday. Who knows, we may even do an Ice Bucket Challenge! And we've got an Advent/Christmas craft class back by popular demand. All children ages 3-11 are welcome to participate, and those older than 11 become helpers! And adult helpers and volunteers are needed and welcomed.

**All ladies** are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, September 8.

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Please bring your favorite salad to share for a luncheon.

Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Copies of the new **Our Daily Bread** for September, October and November are available on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.

**In keeping with the Book of Order** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Church Manual of First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida, the Session hereby calls the Congregation to meet at the close of the 11 o'clock worship service this morning, for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee for 2014-2015. This Committee will nominate candidates for the office of Ruling Elder for the Class of 2017 at a subsequent meeting. The committee will bring forward the names of five persons to serve, and nominations from the floor are in order, with the prior consent of the person to be nominated.

Ruling Elders Ernest McNeill and Larry Spivey have been designated by the Session to serve, and three members at large are to be elected by the congregation. The 2013-14 Nominating Committee recommends Vikki Milton, Willie Mae Goold and Frankie Stewart.

The Sr. High Youth Group will be hosting a **Montreat Luncheon** today after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the luncheons provide funding for the Youth to attend the Annual Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina each summer.

**This week in the life of the church . .**

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.  
Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor  
Salad Luncheon to follow in fellowship hall.  
Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Tuesday Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.  
JuBELLees practice at 6:00 p.m.  
Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m.  
followed by Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday Early Service at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.  
Coffee, Juice and fellowship at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land**  
**Ruling Elder of the Month: Larry Spivey**  
**Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow**  
**Director of Music: Amanda Deese**  
**Organist: Stanley Littleton**  
**Custodian: Amy Godfrey**

**Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck**  
**Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson**

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