



First Presbyterian Church

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A CELEBRATION OF THE SYMBOLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

THEME VERSE FOR REFLECTION DURING THE STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

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

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE

INTROIT "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
A Latin Hymn of the Seventh Century translated by John Mason Neale
Music by Dale Wood

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us bring laud and honor to the Father,

Unison: the Great Creator God, here with us now.

Leader: Come, let us bring laud and honor to the Son,

Unison: even Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Leader: Come, let us bring laud and honor to the Spirit, the Holy Spirit,

Unison: through whom we know God's presence even in our age of change and doubt.

Leader: Come, let us pray that this Triune God will keep us faithful to the gospel,

Unison: and help us to work God's purpose out in our lives this day and every day.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE AND ASSURANCE No. 461**

Abbot's Leigh

"God Is Here!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sung, O God, that we cannot live without you. Yet how often we try. Frequently we feel that we have to do so, because we do not feel that you are near to us. In the midst of all the clouds of sin and sadness that surround our lives we fail to trace the rainbow through the rain, and to know assuredly that your

promises are not in vain. You surround our lives with so many symbols to remind us that you are near to us, but we fail so often to see them, or fail to appreciate what you are saying to us through them. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us again that though we may not always have been faithful to the gospel, you are always faithful to that good news of your forgiving love and grace in Jesus Christ, your Son.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE STEWARDSHIP SEASON**

No. 276 (*stanzas 3 and refrain*)

Faithfulness

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Suzanne Owens

(Children age 5 and under go downstairs to the nursery after Children's Time)

GOD GIVES THE RAINBOW AS THE SYMBOL OF THE COVENANT

Genesis 9:8-17

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

ANTHEM:

"Hymn Anthem on the tune, 'Marion'"
Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing

Healey Willan

PAUL ASSURES US OF GOD'S NEARNESS

Philippians 4:1-9

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

SERMON

"WHAT SYMBOL SPEAKS TO YOU?"

Dr. Christopher

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 384**

St. Margaret

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

**"I AM GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE MIDST OF THE
CHANGES IN MY LIFE"**

Chuck Morgan

THE OFFERTORY

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE FOR THE STEWARDSHIP SEASON No. 101**

(stanza four only)

Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*** THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Presbyterian Hymnal, page 16 traditional, using 'debts' and 'debtors')

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .

*** HYMN OF THE CROSS No. 371**

Crucifer

"Lift High the Cross"

THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Order

Declaration of a Quorum

Jim Gibbs, Clerk

Statement of Purpose to elect four persons to the Class of 2011 of our Church

Session

Presentation of nominees from the Nominating Committee

Jake Gunter

Don Hunter, Mary Bevis Schmidt, Barry Stafford, Bud Wierman

Any other nominations
Election of New Elders
Any other business

*** THE CLOSING PRAYER**

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOR THE STEWARDSHIP SEASON**
No. 538 (Stanzas One and Two only) Sicilian Mariners
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

*** POSTLUDE**

***All who can do so comfortably will stand**

Pastor: Huw Christopher
Elder of the month: Betty Jo Hatcher
Church Secretary: Betty Blighton
Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Ron Goold

To Our Guests – Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Marianna. We are glad to have you worship with us today and 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, talk to the ushers or the pastor, or call the church office.

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** arrangements gracing the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of the parents of Sharon and Buddy Bannerman.

Our Prayer Calendar: Jessie Allen Stuart, Wallace Munroe (grandson of Ron and Kitty Myers), Nell Martin (requested by Jackie Spivey), J. Frank Young (requested by Deborah Mathewuse), and Ginger B. Crump (requested by Dr. William Brunner).

The Session has called a **Meeting of the Congregation** at the conclusion of the Worship Service this morning for the purpose of electing four Elders in the Class of 2011 of our Church Session. Our Nominating Committee will present the names of Don Hunter, Mary Bevis Schmidt, Barry Stafford and Bud Wierman. Other persons may be nominated at the meeting provided that their consent to serve has been received.

Our **Bible Study program** led by Rachel Christopher will continue this week. Everyone is invited to come and journey with Paul as he travels more than 9,150 miles on his mission to spread the Good News that the long-awaited Messiah had come in Jesus Christ, through whom God’s Love was seen in his life, death and resurrection, to explore with Paul his letters to the newly-founded churches, and to examine our faith today in light of the history of the early church. The studies will be held in the fellowship hall with the same study being led three times each week: 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for Men; Wednesdays at 12 noon (feel free to bring a sandwich) and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Games Night will be held on the fellowship hall on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a snack and a table game to share with others.

Everyone is invited to join us for **Sunday School** every Sunday morning. There are classes for all age groups, including three classes for Adults. In the parlor next Sunday the adults will be studying, the “Witness to the Community,” based on Acts 9:1-11, 16-19a. Upstairs in Room 4 the Adult class and in Room 2 the Young Adult Class will be studying the text to be used in our Worship Service: Exodus 33:12-23 and Matthew 22:15-22.

Our Food Pantry Offering for October will be received next Sunday. During the month of September we served 316 families consisting of 815 individuals through our food pantry on Wednesday mornings.

The Presbytery of Florida will organize a new church this afternoon, October 12 with the organization of the **Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Pensacola** at 8770 University Parkway in Pensacola. Everyone is invited to attend this service at 4 p.m.

With the exception of his Tuesday afternoon meetings **Huw Christopher** will be out of the office on Tuesday and Wednesday until early afternoon attending a Retreat of the Council of the Presbytery of Florida.

We are happy to announce that **Ron Goold** began work this week as our church custodian. If you need to check anything with Ron his work in this position, please do so through the church office at 526-2430 or [e-mail: firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net).

The new **pictorial directories** are ready to be picked up in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. There is a label with your name on it on your directory. If you need additional copies of the name and address part of the directory you are welcome to pick up as many as you may need. Special appreciation is extended to Betty Blighton for all her work in taking pictures and in coordinating this directory, to Buddy and Sharon Bannerman and Bannerman Surveyors, Inc., for making the copies of the color picture pages, and to members of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for collating the directories.

Our choir is happy to welcome **Betty Pettis** as a new member of our Soprano section. Anyone who would like to become a member of the choir is invited to contact Larry Nelson, our director, or come to practice at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays in the choir room.

The October **PALS Luncheon** will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 21 in the fellowship hall. The program will be given by the Rev. Dr. Joy Gilbert, the daughter of our own Sally Roos, who will give everyone an update on the work in which she has been involved in Calabar, Nigeria. Reservations may be made by filling out one of the Welcome Cards in the pew racks and placing it on the offering plate, or by calling the church office at 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 20.

As of last Sunday our **Peacemaking Offering** amounted to \$261.00. Further contributions may be made to the church and designated Peacemaking Offering. Our own 25% will be used to support the peacemaking work of Tony Golden at Camp Bucca, Iraq, through helping with the cost of mailing the boxes of stuffed animals and toys at \$10.95 each.

We appreciate the tremendous response from our congregation, and the Marianna community, to the stuffed animals and small toys which we will be mailing this week to **Tony Golden**, a member of our congregation who is serving as a Chaplain's Assistant at Camp Bucca, in Iraq. They will be distributed by Tony and his fellow soldiers to Iraqi women and children. Four boxes have already been mailed and received by Tony in Iraq. Seven boxes are ready to be mailed and the rest of the animals and toys are displayed in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

Our Annual **Heritage Sunday** will be held on Sunday, October 26. This service will include the Kirkin' of the Tartan (please plan for your family to have your tartan to present. If yours is not on hand at the church and would like to be included please contact the church office), special bagpipe music, a remembrance of those members of the church who have died since last Heritage Sunday, and a recognition of memorial gifts to the church during the past year and the use that has been made of any memorial money. A Montreat luncheon will be held at the conclusion the service.

Congratulations are extended to **Mary and Bud Wierman** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Hannah Marie Ward, born October 2, to Christopher and Chrystal Ward in Phoenix, Arizona.

The sympathy of the church is extended to the **Rev. Bill Bess**, the pastor of the Havana Presbyterian Church on the sudden death of his wife, Mary, on October 5, and to **James L. Peacock, Jr. (Jack)** on the death of his daughter-in-law, Dixie Ann Peacock, of Panama City on September 26.

Everyone is invited to attend the Installation of the **Rev. Daniel E. Dieth** as the new pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee next Sunday, October 19 at 3 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Our 175th Anniversary Committee reminds everyone to pick up the tan sheets to complete them for the commemorative **anniversary bricks** as well as packets of information concerning the placing of recipes in our **Anniversary Cookbook**. Both of these items of information are on the table in the narthex, or on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. The committee would appreciate everyone responding as soon as possible with your favorite recipes since they will need to sort them by category and proof them before submitting them for printing. The committee would like to have at least 100 recipes before its meeting on October 27.

Please remember and support all of the **Recycling Opportunities** at the First Presbyterian Church.

This week in the life of the church . . .

Monday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study for Men at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Endowment Committee Meeting at 4 p.m. in the church office. Administration Committee at 5:15 p.m. in the church office.
Wednesday	Food pantry open 9 - 11. Volunteers are Hazel Nelson and Mary Ann Gibbs Bible Study at 12 noon in the fellowship hall M and Ms (Kindergarten-6 th Grade) meet from 3 until 5 p.m. at the church Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m. Handbells practice at 6 p.m. Youth Group (Grades 7-12) at 7 p.m.
Thursday	Newsletter collated at 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Friday	Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
Saturday	Games Night at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Sunday (19 th)	Coffee and Juice in the fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A Celebration of God's Good Gifts To Us and Our Response to Them at 11 a.m. Fall Festival from 3 until 5 p.m.

Have you remembered the First Presbyterian Church in Your Will?