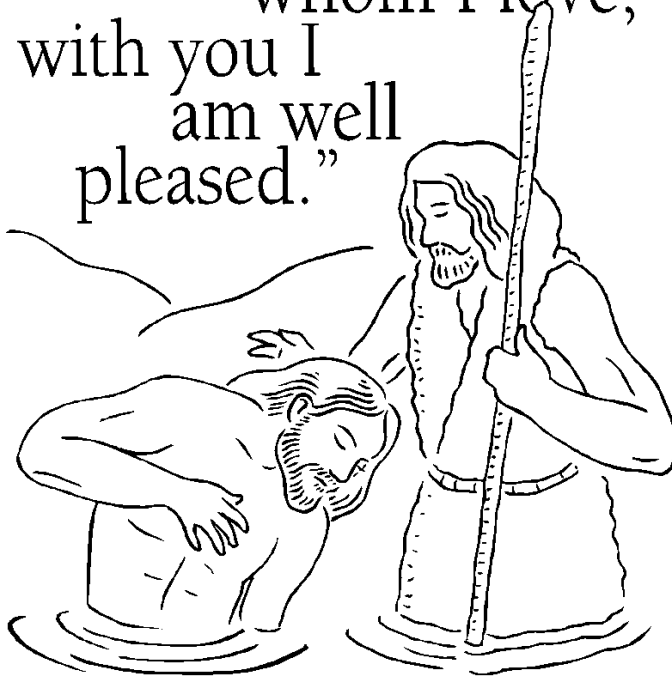


And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I
am well
pleased.”



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A CELEBRATION FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS . .

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE

INTROIT

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”
Words by Jeffery Rowthorn and Music by John Goss

A REMINDER OF OUR BAPTISMS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us remember and celebrate our journeys of faith, which began at our baptisms,

Unison: **and let us give thanks to God for all of the promises God gives to us for these journeys,**

Leader: for all of the blessings God showers upon us, as we journey as the children of God,

Unison: **and for all who share these journeys with us, and who encourage us along the way.**

Leader: Come, let us remember Cole Payne, Carolena Payne and Andrew Law who began their journeys of faith at this font in past year, 2009,

Unison: **and let us pray for them on their journeys.**

Leader: Let us remember the promises we made to help them on their journeys.

Unison: **and let us pray for God’s guidance and strength to be faithful to these promises.**

*** HYMN OF OUR BAPTISMS No. 492**

Bunessan

“Baptized in Water”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you called us to be your children, and you have confirmed your blessings and your promises to us in our baptisms. We have each been baptized as individuals to remind us that each one of us is special in your sight. Yet we do not always feel special. We often long to be someone else, and we envy those whose gifts are different from our own. We waste time wishing for things that we do not have. We lose opportunities for doing good, when we do not use the

blessings, and claim the promises you have given us. Remind us again of our baptisms, O God, and help us to name, and to use, the promises and potential that you have placed within each one of us, and the blessings that you have showered upon us. Guide us that we may be able to affirm your blessings and your promises in others. Encourage us and strengthen us to use our blessings and our promises to be a blessing to other people, that all may come to know, and to claim, your blessings and your promises in their lives.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 579** *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 Suzanne Owens
(Children age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children’s Time)

PRESENTATION OF THE JANUARY FOOD PANTRY OFFERING

LUKE RECORDS THE BAPTISM OF JESUS Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM **“Borning Cry”**
Words and Music by John Ylvisaker. Arranged by Daniel Kallman

SERMON **“LIVING AS CHILDREN OF BLESSING AND PROMISE”**
Dr. Christopher

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD . . .

*** THE APOSTLES’ CREED**
Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
Unison: I believe in God, the Father almighty, the maker of
heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Unison: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Unison: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE OF OUR BAPTISMS No. 498

Kingdom

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

* THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Aurelia

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow.

*(from Touch Holiness, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Marian C. Tirabassi,
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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.

Leader: As we gather at this table, on this table it is indeed right and our duty and delight to give you thanks in Jesus Christ, we praise and adore you as we pray as he taught us..

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven ...

(The Lord's Prayer, Presbyterian Hymnal, page 16 traditional, using debts and debtors)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . .

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 514**

Linstead

“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

**Go my children with my blessing, never alone,
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing – you are my own.**

**I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace:
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

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*** POSTLUDE**

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

Pastor: Huw Christopher

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Elder of the month: Ron Goold

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow

Custodian: Ron Jones

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is not served to children in our nursery, so if they wish to receive they should remain in the service with their families this morning.

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.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Hazel and Larry Nelson.

Our Prayer Calendar: Harold Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), John Morrow (requested by Louise Hoy), Irby Owens (father of Terry Owens), Carl Davino (requested by Betty Blighton), Barbara Black (requested by Nancy McMullin), Lottie Williams (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), and the Rev. Matt Basford.

Our **Food Pantry Offering** for January will be received this morning. During 2009 we served 4005 families comprising 9733 individuals through our food pantry.

The **Good News Women's Circle** will meet on Monday at 7 p.m., at the home of Carol Homoney, at 4552 Red Oak Trace, telephone 526-2041.

A **Pre-Lent Bible Study** beginning with the 4th Chapter of the Book of Revelation will begin this Tuesday and Wednesday. The same study will be offered each week, with a Men's Bible Study at 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, and for women and men at 12 noon on Wednesdays. For more information, please contact Rachel Christopher at 482-8118 or rachelc25w@embarqmail.com.

The parents of our **Junior High Young People** are invited to join them for the first part of their meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday following the covered dish supper. At this meeting, members of the Christian Education Committee will outline the covenant for young people, parents, and the church for those who would like to receive financial

support from the church to attend Dogwood Acres this summer, or other events sponsored by the Presbytery of Florida. Plans for the Confirmation Class from March through May of 2010 will also be outlined at this meeting.

Charlotte Hunter will be offering a **beginner handbell class** for people who might be interested from our church or community. The classes are being held from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. each Friday in January. For more information, please contact Charlotte Hunter at 482-7565 or rosebelhunter@aol.com.

The **January PALS luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 12 noon. 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, January 18. The program will be on Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee, and the Westminster Retirement Communities sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Florida.

Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation will be held at the conclusion of our Worship Service on Sunday, January 24.

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to **Barry and Jennifer Stafford and family** in the death of his grandmother, Anita Parker, in Franklinton, Louisiana on Sunday, January 3, 2010.

We are happy to announce that **Ron Jones** began work this past Monday as our new church custodian. He will be working on a part-time basis with flexible hours to cover the work each week. Appreciation is extended to **Ron Gould** for his service as our church custodian since October 2008.

Appreciation is extended to all who assisted the members of our Worship and Music Committee to take down our **Advent and Christmas decorations** this week.

Calendars for 2010 from Louisville Theological Seminary are available in the narthex and in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and in the church office during the week.

Undated Boxes of Offering Envelopes are available for those who would like to use them in the narthex and in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and in the church office during the week.

Our **Church Anniversary Cookbooks** are available from the church office, and will be available at the luncheon next Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 or 3 for \$50.00.

In our pew racks there are **envelopes** which may be used for gifts to the church.

The **white ones** are for general offerings; The **gold ones** are for gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund; The **green ones** for the Anniversary Birthday Challenge.

There is a listing on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall of those who have been honored so far through our Anniversary Birthday Challenge.

This week in the life of the church . . .

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class 9:00
Good News Women's Circle at 7 p.m. at the home of Carol Homoney
- Tuesday Men's Bible Study at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall
Endowment Committee at 4 p.m. in the church office
Administration Committee at 5:15 p.m. in the church office
- Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00, the volunteers are Jeff and Ruthanne Allen, Marianne Lonsinger, and JoAnn Rountree
Bible Study at 12 noon in the fellowship hall
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
JuBELLees practice at 6 p.m.
Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group at 7 p.m.
Junior High Youth Group and Parents Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Thursday Newsletter collated at 1 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
Beginning Bells at 10 a.m. in Room 1 Upstairs
- Saturday Visit with Chambless family and dessert at the Manse 3 -5 p.m.
- Sunday (17th) Coffee and Juice in the fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. with all adults meeting with Proctor Chambless in the sanctuary
A Celebration of the Saints of God at 11 a.m. with sermon by the The Rev. Proctor Chambless, Jr.
Montreat Luncheon following the service
Worship and Music Committee at 12:45 p.m. in the parlor.

Have you remembered the Anniversary Birthday Challenge?