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**Service of Worship for  
the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year  
Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.  
The Rev. Dr. R. Proctor Chambless, Jr., Pastor 1982-1990  
Guest Preacher**

## **THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

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

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE**                      **Dr. Christopher**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE REV. R. PROCTOR CHAMBLESS AND FAMILY**  
**Elder Betty Joyce Hand**

**INTROIT**                                      **“Let Us Celebrate”**  
**Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,

**Unison:            The whole earth is full of the glory of God.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

**Unison:            who was, who is, and who is come, the Lord God Almighty.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the blessed Trinity,

**Unison:            the holy God made known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord God Almighty, who is merciful and mighty.

**People:            and let us join with all God’s saints to praise God’s holy name.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to God for all of God’s saints who have maintained the witness of this congregation over the past 175 years,

**People:            and let us praise God for the example and the encouragement of all those saints of God whom we have known in this place.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord God Almighty together,

**Unison:            and let us lift our voices in joyful song to the blessed Trinity.**

### **\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 138**

*Nicaea*

**“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, as we join with all your saints to adore you, forgive us, for where we have failed to appreciate the example you have given to us, through the lives of the saints who have gone before us, as well as those who share life with us today. It is so easy for us today to enjoy the freedom to worship you without being grateful for the sacrifices of so many of your saints, who have made this privilege possible for us. As we participate in the life of this congregation, we frequently fail to appreciate all those, who down through 175 years, have maintained the witness, and have given to us all that this fellowship of your people means in our lives today. As we pause to remember all who by their faith, and their lives, have inspired our own faith and trust in you, we are conscious of the way in which we have failed so often to live as your saints, your holy people, setting before the people of this congregation, this community, and the world, a good example of what it means to be your people, the followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, inspired and guided by your Holy Spirit.**

## **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**

**Rachel Christopher**

*(Children age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children's Time)*

#### **MOSES DIES VIEWING THE PROMISED LAND**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-8**

**The Response:** Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God!

#### **ANTHEM**

**"Sing Out With Praise"**

**Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson**

**PAUL REFLECTS ON HIS OWN LIFE**

**II Timothy 4:6-8**

**JOHN SHARES HIS VISION OF THE SAINTS OF GOD**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**The Response:** Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

**"For All the Saints"**

**Dr. Chambless**

**TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*based on The Study Catechism of the  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Heidelberg Catechism*

Leader: What do we affirm when we speak of "the communion of saints"?

**Unison:** All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven are "saints." Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by his death he removed our separation from God, so by his Spirit he removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, he makes us, who are many, one body in himself. The ties that bind us in Christ are deeper than any other relationship. Within the communion of saints, all are obliged to use their gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.

**\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

*please see the back cover of the bulletin*  
**"With Grateful Hearts, O God"**

**THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION**

**THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\* THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 592**

*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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .**

**\*HYMN FOR ALL OF GOD'S SAINTS No. 526**

*Sine Nomine*

**"For All the Saints"**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

**"God's Boundless Love"**

**Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson**

**\* 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, as we continue the celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 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** gracing the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Alyne Pitman in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Bobra Palmer, and to extend a warm, cordial welcome to Ginger and Proctor Chambless.

Today, as we continue our year long celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are pleased to welcome back to Marianna the **Rev. Dr. R. Proctor Chambless, Jr.**, who was pastor here from July 1982 through August 1990. Proctor Chambless is a native of Americus, Georgia, and a graduate of University of Georgia. He received his Doctorate of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in 1977. Prior to coming to Marianna, Dr. Chambless served as the Associate Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Since his pastorate in Marianna, he has served as pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, the Middle and Oak Grove Presbyterian Churches in Tennessee, as well as serving as the Interim Presbytery Executive for North Alabama Presbytery. He currently serves as pastor of the Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Georgia.

Proctor and Ginger Chambless lived here with their children, Jason and Kate, from July 1982-August 1990. Dr. Chambless says, “My children’s most formative years were spent in Marianna, and they still consider it home. So much of what my children have become is a credit to our church family in Marianna, and for that, Ginger and I will always be grateful.” Jason and his wife have two children, and live in Savannah, Georgia, where he is a civil engineer with Thomas and Hutton. Kate and her husband live in Cincinnati, Ohio with their two children. Her husband is an Emergency Room Doctor, and she is a substitute teacher, and busy mom and homemaker.

While pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Proctor was involved in the community through athletics and civic activities, including working with the JCARC Summer camps at Dogwood acres and at Cape Sand Blas.

We are most grateful for all of the work of **Lawrence Nelson**, our choir director, who in response to the invitation of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has composed the words and music for Introit, Anthem, and Choral Response for our Anniversary celebrations. His hymn, “With Grateful Hearts, O God,” is being sung for the first time this morning. He also will be sharing with us some of his other compositions during our Anniversary year.

Appreciation is extended to Betty Joyce Hand, chairperson, Betty Blighton, Ray Brendemuehl, Judy Brooten, Huw and Rachel Christopher, Ise Daffin, Amy Milton, Kathy Roberts, Ruth Sherrel, Joan and Tom Stadskev and Lou Wilkinson, who as members of our **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**, have worked to prepare for this weekend’s celebrations, and for our year of celebration. Other former pastors who will celebrate with us during this year are: the Rev. Preston Shealy on June 20, 2010, and the Rev. Dr. William Barron on October 31, 2010. The Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips has not indicated a date when he will return as yet.

Everyone is invited to join us for **lunch** in the fellowship hall. Our lunch today of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts have been prepared by the members of our Senior Youth Group and their parents. Donations for this meal will help with the cost of our Youth Group's trip to the national Youth Conference of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at Montreat, North Carolina, next June.

**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), the Rev. Matt Basford, and Barbara Black (requested by Nancy McMullin).

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

The **Pre-Lent Bible Study** of the Book of Revelation will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday, through February 3. 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 (Please bring a sandwich, if you so desire, beverages will be available)

**The January PALS Luncheon** will be held this Tuesday 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](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net) by 10:00 a.m. on Monday. The program will be on Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee, and the Westminster Retirement Communities sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Florida.

Everyone is invited to share in **Sunday School** with us each Sunday. In addition to classes for our children and youth, we have three Adult Classes. Next Sunday the adults in the parlor will be studying "Declared by Prayer," based on Matthew 11:25-30. Upstairs in Room 4 the adult class will be studying the texts to be used in our Worship Service from Luke 4:14-21 and I Corinthians 12:12-31a.

**Calendars for 2010** from Louisville Theological Seminary and **Undated Boxes of Offering Envelopes** are available in the narthex and in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and in the church office during the week.

**Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation** will be held at the conclusion of our Worship Service on Sunday, January 31. (please note change of date)

Help for the victims of the **earthquake in Haiti** may be given through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, with checks to the First Presbyterian Church, designated Haiti.

To commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of  
The First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, Florida

# With Grateful Hearts, O God

Lawrence R. Nelson

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1. With grate - ful hearts, O God, Thy Ho - ly name we praise, For  
2. The will of God is clear, His plead - ing voice we hear; His  
3. Through chang - es great and small, With faith we faced them all; Each

5  
bless - ings we have known, Through - out our earth - ly days! We'll  
bless - ed ho - ly word, By all men must be heard! Each  
chal - lenge on our way, Led to a bright new day! With

9  
fol - low where you lead, We'll heed your ev' - ry call; To  
man must do his part, And each must pledge to start; To  
songs of joy and praise, We face the com - ing days; To

13  
help some soul in need, We pledge to you our all!  
serve our God a - bove, With stead - fast faith and love!  
Christ our Might - y King, Hearts filled with love we bring!