

Have You Found Your Place In



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**CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH,
THE BODY OF CHRIST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009 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 **“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 join with all for whom Jesus Christ is the sure foundation of their faith,

Unison: and let us give thanks to God for all that our faith in God means to us.

Leader: Come, let us join with all for whom Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church,

Unison: and let us give thanks to God for all that the Church means in our lives.

Leader: Come, let us join with all who have seen the way in which Jesus Christ has led the Church through the long ages,

Unison: and let us give thanks to God for all of God’s guidance to this congregation over 175 years.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate with all who have found their place in ministry to magnify the Crucified,

Unison: and let us give thanks to God for all that ministry in the name of Jesus Christ means in our lives.

Leader: Come, let us pray that courage may be our friend, and wisdom our guide,

Unison: as we seek to live as the people of God, and as members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE FOR THE CHURCH No. 430**

Darwell’s 148th

“Come, Sing, O Church in Joy”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us, O God, to share in life together, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Yet so often we do not appreciate the privilege you have given us to share in fellowship together as your people. We have been hesitant in our participation, and slow to take advantage of all the opportunities you give to us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. You have given to each of us unique gifts and talents to use for the good of the ministry of the Church, but we have not always affirmed, or used, these gifts and talents, and even when we have, we so often have been reluctant to use them for your glory, and for the benefit of one another and of our community and world. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to claim the courage and the wisdom to be able to live as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, in ways that will bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

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)

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY IN NAZARETH

Luke 4:14-21

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

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“O Come and Sing Unto the Lord”

Words from Psalm 95

Music by Eugene Englert

PAUL REFLECTS ON THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Have You Found Your Place in the Church?”

Dr. Christopher

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD . . .

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CREED**
(see inside the back cover of the Presbyterian Hymnal)

*** PRAYER HYMN FOR THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES**
No. 126 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” *St. Agnes*

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY “Holy, Holy, Holy” **Dan R. Edwards**
(based on the Hymn Tune, “Nicaea”)
played by the JuBELLees

*** 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.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER**
(Presbyterian Hymnal, page 16 traditional, using ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’)

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .

***HYMN OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST**

No. 322

“Live Into Hope”

Truro

***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 **flowers** gracing the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Matt and Pam Fuqua, in memory of Pam's father, Jim Swift, and in honor of Harry Fuqua.

Our Prayer Calendar: Alyne Pitman, Jack Brown, 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), and Christine Stubbs (requested by Susie Stevens).

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of **Haiti** as they seek to recover from the destructive earthquake, and with all who are seeking to help, especially those known to us, and with **Lauren Peacock** as she prepares to leave for Haiti next Saturday. Appreciation is extended to all who already have made donations to help Lauren with this ministry of compassion. The pink insert outlines ways in which we can help her. Please note the deadline of tomorrow, Monday, January 25.

What Does the Church, the Body of Christ, Mean to You? Everyone will have an opportunity to reflect on this question at our Time of Quiet Prayer and Reflection this evening at 5 p.m. as we continue to reflect on I Corinthians 12:12-31a. Everyone present, who desires us to do so, will have an opportunity to share his or her experience from being part of this church and of churches in other places.

The **Pre-Lent Bible Study** of the Book of Revelation is being 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)

At our **covered dish supper** on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., those with January birthdays will be recognized, and the members of our Junior High Youth Group will give a presentation on the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Meetings for all agencies in Jackson County that use the services of **The Second Harvest of the Big Bend** will be held next Thursday in our fellowship hall. If you would like to learn more about the Second Harvest, and the way in which it benefits our Food Pantry program by attending these meetings, please contact the church office at 526-2430 for more details of the time.

The Disciplefest Program of the Presbytery of Florida will be held on Friday of this week beginning at 4 p.m. and on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Panama City. The Presbytery of Florida Winter Meeting will also be held as part of the Disciplefest program. Elder Joy Lewis will be our representative to this meeting.

The **church office** will be closed on Friday of this week because of the Disciplefest Program and the vacation of Valerie Marlow, our Administrative Assistant.

Everyone is invited to share in **Sunday School** with us each Sunday. In addition to classes for our children and youth, we have two Adult Classes. Next Sunday the adults in the parlor will be studying "Revealed in Rejection," based on Matthew 13:54-58

Upstairs in Room 4 the adult class will be studying the texts to be used in our Worship Service from Luke 4:21-30; I Corinthians 13:1-14:1a.

Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation will be held at the conclusion of our Worship Service next Sunday, January 31. A letter concerning this meeting, together with Individual Financial Giving Statements for 2009, will be mailed out on Monday of this week.

Valerie Marlow, our Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Huw Christopher will be in parts of Wednesday and Thursday. If he is not in when you call, please leave him a message on his voicemail. He will be checking voicemail and the church e-mail while Valerie is away.

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.

Church Anniversary Cookbooks are available from the church office, from Lou Wilkinson at Tom Wilkinson's Law Office, Kelson Drugs, Waco Drugs and Gifts, and Paramore's Pharmacy. The cost is \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.

Appreciation is extended to all who helped to make our second **175th Anniversary weekend** such a success last weekend. Written copies of Proctor Chambless' sermon are available on the table in the narthex. Compact disc recordings of the Worship Service, and also the Chat with Proctor Chambless during Sunday School are available from the church office.

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.

Ways you may want to participate in the Birthday Challenge are:

- Remember your own birthday in thanksgiving during your birthday month.
- Remember the birthdays of others.
(special cards will be sent to the individuals honored or to the families of individuals remembered indicating your gift).

What a great way to remember a family member or friend!

Additional envelopes for this offering may be found on the table outside the fellowship hall, or in the church office. Place your envelope in the White Church, on the offering plate on Sundays, or bring it to the church office. Please check the listing on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall for those whose birthdays have been remembered so far this month.

This week in the life of the church . . .

Today	Quiet Prayer and Reflection at 5 pm in the parlor
Monday	Ladies Exercise Class 9:00 am
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Evangelism & Fellowship Committee 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Food Pantry 9:00 to 11:00 am Volunteers are Ron Goold, Willie Mae Goold, and Jeff Allen Bible Study 12:00 noon Choir Practice 5:15 pm JuBellees 6:00 pm Covered Dish Supper 6:30 pm Sr. & Jr. Hi Youth 7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office Closed Ladies Exercise 9:00 am Beginning Handbells 10:00 am Disciplefest in Panama City
Saturday	Disciplefest and Presbytery of Florida in Panama City
Sunday (31 st)	Coffee and Juice in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am A Celebration of God's Gift of Love For All People at 11 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation at 11:55 am

Have you remembered the Anniversary Birthday Challenge ?