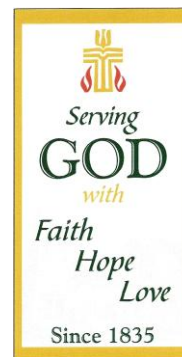


**First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2011
11 a.m.**



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

WELCOME TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 170

INTROIT **“Lord, Make My Life a Window”**
 Words by Robert H. Schuller
 Music by Don G. Fontana

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator God,
Unison: who in the beginning brought light out of darkness.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Faithful God,
Unison: who has given us the light of this new day.
Leader: Come, let us worship Jesus Christ, the Light of the World,
**Unison: who has brought the light of God’s love and mercy
 to our lives.**
Leader: Come, let us worship Jesus Christ,
Unison: who says to us, “You are the light of the world.”
Leader: Come, let pray that his radiancy divine might fill our lives,
**Unison: that other people may come to see his light shining
 through us.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 462

Ratisbon

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on John 3:19

Leader: This is the judgment that the light of God’s love and mercy has come into the world in Jesus Christ,

Unison: but people have chosen to live in darkness rather than in God’s light.

Leader: Let us seek God’s forgiveness for where we have turned away from God’s light in Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have seen the light of your love and mercy in Jesus Christ, O God, but we have been slow to accept your love. We have not found it easy to rejoice in your mercy in our own lives, and especially in the lives of other people whom we do not deem worthy of such mercy. In Jesus Christ you tell us that we are the light of the world, but we have failed so often to reflect the light of your love and mercy in our words and in our deeds. For all of the ways in which we have failed to live up to your purpose for our lives, please forgive us. By the Holy Spirit at work within us, empower us each and every day to become more fully the people you would have us to be.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based John 3:18

Leader: Hear the good news: God did not send Jesus Christ into the world in order to condemn the world,

Unison: but that in him all people may see the light of God’s love and mercy.

Leader: In the midst of all the darkness of sin and evil in this world we can turn to Jesus Christ, the light of the world,

Unison: and know that through God’s love and mercy our sins are forgiven.

*** 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 SOUPERBOWL OF CARING OFFERING

JESUS SPEAKS OF OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

Matthew 5:13-16

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

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“The Lord is My Light”

Words from Psalm 27

Music by Frances Allitsen, arranged by Vaughn E. Wright

SERMON

“Celebrating Our God Given Purpose in Life”

Dr. Christopher

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

based on Questions 1-4 of The Study

Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Leader: What is God's purpose for your life?

Unison: God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Unison: I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I

entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Leader: How do you live for the love of God?

Unison: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Leader: How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

Unison: By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 508**

Kingdom

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR 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: It is indeed right and our duty and delight to give you thanks and praise..... through Jesus Christ your Son who taught us to pray,

Unison:

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.

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. 422**

Beach Spring

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*** THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION**

“What Does the Lord Require”

Words based on Micah 6:8 and Music by Jim Strathdee

**Part 1: (All Sing) What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?**

**Part 2: (Women) To seek justice, and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.**

*Repeat Twice All Together:
Men singing Part 1; Women singing Part 2.*

*** POSTLUDE**

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

To Our Guests – Welcome to 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 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** gracing our sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of all of the children of The Church by Ed and Janie Harmon.

Our Prayer Calendar: Virginia Schreiber, Alyne Pitman, Terry Dyer (Presbytery of Florida Executive) Jim Lewis (brother of John Lewis), Jack and Shirley McGee (requested by Janie Harmon), Lamar Linton (brother of Frankie Stewart), Carla Riley

(requested by Mary Skipper) John Lewis (son of Barbara Lewis) John Matthew Pring (requested by Jake Gunter), Donna O'Bryan (sister of Joy Lewis) Ron Stone (father of Randy Stone), Brenda Nettles (requested by Joe Busby), Ken Jackson (requested by Jeff and Ruthanne Allen), Wayne Johnson (requested by Larry and Jackie Spivey), Tom Carpenter (son of Dot Carpenter) and Robyn Carpenter (daughter-in-law of Dot Carpenter)

Today as we celebrate **Boy Scout Sunday**, we are happy to have members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 170, which meets at our church on Friday evenings, in worship with us.

All women are invited to attend one or more of the **Circle Meetings** tomorrow:

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. with Betty Joyce Hand 4334 Second Avenue,
482-5066

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

Good News Women's Circle at 7 p.m. with Cindy Morgan 4384 Angela Drive,
482-5332

The Gathering for The Wildflowers will be held later in the month on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. For more information on this Gathering please contact Merian Milton at 526-7557, or e-mail at merianmilton@embarqmail.com.

At our **covered dish supper** on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. anyone who would like to share a poem, saying, hymn, song, quiz etc. etc. about "LOVE" is invited to do so.

Our next **church newsletter** will be published on Thursday. If you have any articles please forward them to Valerie Marlow at the church office by noon on Wednesday. E-mail: firstpresmarianna@embarqmail.com

Games Night will be held this Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to bring a game and snack to share.

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 Adult Class in the parlor will be studying, "This is My Beloved," based on Mark 9:2-13. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 and the Young Adult class in Room 2 will be studying the texts to be used in our Worship Service from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 119:1-8.

This week in the life of the church . . .

Today	Junior High and Senior High Youth Groups at 6 p.m.
Monday	Ladies Exercise Class 9:00 a.m. Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. with Betty Joyce Hand Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall Good News Women at 7 p.m. with Cindy Morgan
Tuesday	Administration Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the Spivey House (note time)
Wednesday	Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Jeff and Ruthanne Allen, Jo-Ann Rountree and Bud Wierman Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m. JuBELLees rehearse at 6 p.m. Covered Dish Supper and Program on "Love" at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Newsletter collated at 1 p.m.
Friday	Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
Saturday	Games Night at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday (13th)	Mission and Service Committee at 9 a.m. in the Spivey House Coffee and Juice from 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m. A Celebration of God's Offer of Life at 11 a.m. Montreat Luncheon at 12 noon Introductory Confirmation Class for Young People and Parents at 5 p.m. Junior and Senior High Youth Groups at 6 p.m.

Pastor: Huw Christopher

Elder of the month: Debbie Moxley

Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

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Organist: Stanley Littleton

Custodian: Ron Jones

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