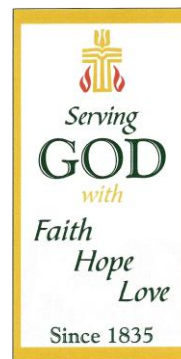


**First Presbyterian Church**  
**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**March 6, 2011**  
**11 a.m.**



**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**

**INTROIT                   “Lord, Make My Life a Window”**

**Words by Robert H. Schuller and Music by Don G. Fontana**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The light of this new day reminds us that God’s love for us is new every morning,

**Unison:                   and that morning by morning new mercies we see.**

Leader: In the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**Unison:                   we have seen most clearly God’s love and mercies for us.**

Leader: In the light of this new morning, let us bring our praise to this same Jesus Christ,

**Unison:                   who invites us to the Lord’s Table,**

Leader: that here we might remember him,

**Unison:                   claim again the love and mercies of God toward us,**

Leader: and know the assurance of the presence of the Risen Jesus with us,

**Unison:                   in all the circumstances of life through the Holy Spirit.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 487

*Laudes Domini*

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have shown your love and your mercy of us in Jesus Christ your Son. As we remember the experience of Peter, John and James with Jesus on the mountain, we thank you for each of those mountain-top experiences of our lives through which we have been assured of love and mercy. Yet so often we allow the sorrows, worries, and burdens of the valleys of our lives to so overwhelm us that we fail to live in the security of your love for us. Frequently we are far more conscious of our failures and of our sin than we are of the assurance of your mercy towards us. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us again to your table, enable us here to see you face to face, and to rejoice in all of your love and mercy for us.

### 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)*

### MATTHEW RECOUNTS THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Matthew 17:1-9

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

**ANTHEM**

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
Words by Walter Chalmers Smith  
Welsh Folk Melody arranged by Gordon Young**

**SERMON “Mountain-Top Experiences to Sustain the Valleys of Life”  
Dr. Christopher**

**TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD . .**

- \* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed Ecumenical Version**  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal, page 15 (Ecumenical)*
- \* **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION AND FAITH No. 306**      *Crusaders’ Hymn*  
**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**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, © 1990, The Pilgrim Press)*

**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 ...**

## **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 ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND PRESENCE IN JESUS CHRIST**

*Morecambe*

**"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"**

*(please see the back cover of the bulletin)*

\* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **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 by Albert and Kathy Milton and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathy's mother Althea Stevens and their niece Mary Nell Andreu.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Jim Lewis (brother of John Lewis), Jack and Shirley McGee (requested by Janie Harmon), Carla Riley (requested by Mary Skipper) John Matthew Pring (requested by Jake Gunter), 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), Darryl Carpenter (son of Dot Carpenter), Robyn Carpenter (daughter-in-law of Dot Carpenter), Nancy Everhart (requested by Louise Hoy) and Jo-Ann Rountree.

**FAITH: The Evidence of Things Unseen:** An Audio Theological Study led by Jack Homoney, will begin this Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m. The insert has more details.

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 Betty Blighton, 4590 Forest Park  
Drive, 482-4661.

At our **covered dish supper** on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. there will be a celebration of Ash Wednesday as the First Day of Lent.

The **church newsletter** will be published on Thursday. Please forward any articles to the church office by noon on Wednesday. E-mail: [firstpresmarianna@embarqmail.com](mailto:firstpresmarianna@embarqmail.com)

**An Acts 16:5 Informational Retreat** sponsored by the Presbytery of Florida will be held on Friday and Saturday at Dogwood Acres. Kip Blighton, Joe Busby, Janie Harmon, Alexis Pueschel and Huw Christopher will be attending for the whole or part of the time.

Every Sunday morning there are **Sunday School Classes** for all age groups beginning at 9:45 a.m. There are three classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adult Class in the parlor will be studying, "Qualifications of Worship Leaders," based on I Timothy 3:1-13. 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 -- Psalm 51:1-17 and Luke 18:9-14.

A class for adults interested in learning more about the **Presbyterian Church** will be held during Sunday School for three weeks beginning next Sunday, March 13 in Room 1 Upstairs. The class will provide information for old and new members of the congregation as well as for those who are considering becoming members.

Next Sunday will be the **First Sunday of Lent** and the beginning of our Lenten Series, "The Nails of the Cross." Next week the focus will be on "The Nail of Pride." A **Montreat luncheon** will follow the service next Sunday.

Our **Confirmation Class** will be held this year in two sessions from 3 until 6 p.m. on the Sunday afternoons of March 13 and April 10. Any young people who were unable to attend the introductory meeting on February 13 and who would like to participate, or need more information are invited to contact Huw Christopher at 526-2430 or e-mail to [fpcmarianna@embarqmail.com](mailto:fpcmarianna@embarqmail.com) or Rachel Christopher at 482-8118 or e-mail to [rachelc25w@embarqmail.com](mailto:rachelc25w@embarqmail.com).

**Daylight Saving Time** will begin next Sunday at 2 a.m. Please remember to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.

Copies of ***Our Daily Bread***, the daily devotional for March, April and May are available on the table in the narthex and on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.

### **This week in the life of the church . . .**

Today                      Theological Study on Faith at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
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 Betty Blighton

Tuesday Administration Committee at 5:15 p.m. in the Spivey House

Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Jeff and Ruthanne Allen and Jake Gunter  
 Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.  
 JuBELLees rehearse at 6 p.m.  
 Covered Dish Supper and Ash Wednesday Program at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Newsletter collated at 1 p.m.

Friday Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.  
 Acts 16:5 Retreat at Dogwood Acres  
 Interment Service for Bob Sanford at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Acts 16:5 Retreat at Dogwood Acres  
 Move clocks forward one hour before going to bed.

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 for the First Sunday in Lent of the Nail of Pride at 11 a.m.  
 Montreat Luncheon at 12 noon  
 Worship and Music Committee at 12:45 p.m. in the parlor  
 Theological Study on Faith at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
 Confirmation Class from 3 until 6 p.m.  
 Junior and Senior High Youth Groups at 6 p.m.

Pastor: Huw Christopher

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Elder of the month: Bryan Milton

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow

Custodian: Ron Jones

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# Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

*Horatius Bonar, 1855; alt.*

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;  
5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here share the cup, the gra - cious gift of heaven;  
this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread a - new;  
the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.  
an - oth - er strength than yours to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
This joy - ful feast con - firms that you are here,  
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
the brief, bright hour to - geth - er here with you.  
now and for - ev - er, as our shield and sun.  
our faith is in your might, your might a - lone.

*Horatius Bonar, a founder of the Free Church of Scotland and author of 600 hymns, wrote this hymn at his brother's request. It was first printed in a leaflet for the author's church, St. Andrew's Free Church in Greenock, Scotland.*

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.  
*Frederick C. Atkinson, 1876*  
Alternate tune: LANGRAN