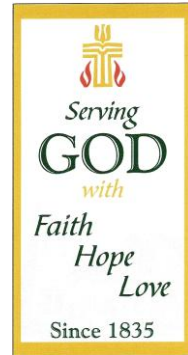


**First Presbyterian Church  
A Celebration of the Invitation of  
Jesus to Rest  
Sunday, July 3, 2011  
11 a.m.**



**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

**PRELUDE**

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

**THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**INTROIT**

**“My Country’ Tis of Thee”  
Words by Samuel Francis Smith  
Music from *Thesaurus Musicus*, London c. 1740  
Found at Hymn No. 561  
Stanzas 1 and 2: Choir only  
Stanzas 3 and 4: Choir and Congregation**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us sing praise to our fathers’ God,

**Unison: and give thanks to the Author of liberty.**

Leader: Come, let us sing praise to God in this land of the free,

**Unison: and give thanks for all that our freedoms mean to us.**

Leader: Come, let us hear again the gracious invitation of Jesus to rest  
in him,

**Unison: and let us claim again his gift of rest for our own lives.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE BASED ON PSALM 147 No. 255** *St. Anne*  
**“Now Praise the Lord”**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts and our lives are restless until they rest in you. In love you have claimed us as your own. We know these truths, O God, yet we forget them so often. We use our freedom to look for rest and renewal for our lives in so many different places, rather than in you. We turn unfilled and dissatisfied to you again. Bring us again to your Table to remind us of all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ. Here let us receive again your gifts to us in him. As we share these gifts together, help us to know again what it means to rest securely in all of the love, the mercy and the grace you have shown for us in him.**

### **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 SPEAKS OF THE STRUGGLES TO FIND HAPPINESS**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

**“God Of Our Fathers”**

**Words by Daniel Crane Roberts**

**Music by George William Warren**

**arranged by Stan Pethel**

**JESUS INVITES US TO REST IN HIM**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

**“Choosing to Accept His Invitation**

**to Rest in Jesus Christ” Dr. Christopher**

**TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD . . .**

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**\* PRAYER HYMN FOR GOD’S PEACE IN OUR LIVES No. 345**

**“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**

*Rest*

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR 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.**

## **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 ...**

*(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 ...**

### **\* PRAYER HYMN FOR THE NATION No. 564**

*Materna*

**“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

### **\* 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 Don and Ouida Morris to the Glory of God and in honor of Don’s mother Raynell.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** John Lewis, Mel Mclure Clark, Rex Nowell, Larry Spivey, Debbie Moxley; Ginny Busby, Barbara Page, Gwendolyn Medlock, Laura Creasy (grand-daughter of Clyde Hand), Carla Riley (requested by Mary Skipper), Brenda Nettles (requested by Joe Busby), Damien Carpenter (requested by Susie Barber), Peggy Bastek (requested by Sharon Bannerman) Tom Farmer (requested by Julien Cumming) and Beth McCoy and family (requested by Joy Lewis)

The sympathy of the church is extended to **Terry Owens** and family in the death of his father, Irby Owens, in Coleman, Alabama on June 24, 2011.

Every Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 a.m. there are **Sunday School classes** for all ages, including three classes for adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying “Listening to God’s Judges,” based on Judges 2:11-19. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 and the Young Adult class in Room 2 will be studying the texts to be used at the Worship Service from Matthew 13:1-9 and Romans 8:1-11.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is planning a **Family Retreat at our Presbytery Camp at Dogwood Acres** on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. Please mark your calendar now for these dates. Further details will be available later. The committee will be having a planning session for this retreat on Sunday, July 10 following our worship service. Anyone having any suggestions and ideas for this retreat is invited to forward them to Kip Blighton at 209-1445 prior to this planning session.

The **Pentecost Offering** of the Presbyterian Church goes towards ministry with children and youth with 25% devoted to General Assembly ministries with Youth; 25% to Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities; 10% to General Assembly Child Advocacy ministries, and 40% for congregations to use in ministries with children in their local community. Our Session has designated our 40% to go again this year to the **Jackson County Autism Support Group**. As of last Sunday, \$ 494.00 had been received for this offering. Further

contributions may be made with check to the First Presbyterian Church, designated *Pentecost Offering*.

The Evangelism and Fellowship announces that the **Progressive Luau Dinner** originally scheduled for Saturday, July 23 has been cancelled.

Did you see the blue **First Presbyterian Church T-Shirts** worn by our young people and their leaders on Youth Sunday? A sample is on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall or from the church office. A limited number of these T-Shirts are available to the whole congregation in Adult Sizes Small through 2X for \$10.00 each. They may be obtained from Mary Skipper in the nursery on Sunday mornings, or from the church office during the week. Checks may be made to the First Presbyterian Church and designated Youth T-Shirts.

The Christian Education Committee is in the process of reorganizing the curriculum room located upstairs in the education building. Some of this **out-of-date curriculum** needs to be discarded to make room for new items. A copy of each curriculum set has been kept as a resource and the CE Committee would like to make available to you the duplicates. Many of these books were part of the Covenant Life Curriculum used in the early 1960s and are ones that either you or your children might remember. These books have been placed in the windows of the Fellowship Hall and will be there for the month of July. Why not plan to stop by the fellowship hall to see these books? Feel free to take any books that are of interest to you.

Part of the 2010 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering has been given by our **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program** to help the victims of the recent series of tornadoes. Additional gifts to be distributed through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program may be given through checks to the First Presbyterian Church, designated Tornadoes, or you may contribute online at [www.pcusa.org/ministries/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/ministries/pda)

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee encourages everyone to make the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida known by using one of our church decals on your vehicles. They are available on the table on the narthex or in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, or from the church office.

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

Monday Church Office Closed for the Fourth of July  
Tuesday Christian Education Committee meets at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Jo-Ann Rountree, Betty Pettis, Jake Gunter and MaryAnn Gibbs  
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.  
Friday Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.  
Sunday (10th) Mission and Service Committee at 9 a.m.  
Coffee and Juice in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.  
A Celebration of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives at 11 a.m.  
Evangelism and Fellowship Retreat Planning at 12:15 p.m.

Pastor: Huw Christopher Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson  
Elder of the month: Betty Joyce Hand Organist: Stanley Littleton  
Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow Custodian: Melissa Krebeck  
Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

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