



**First Presbyterian Church
A Celebration of the Cross of Christ
Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 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

“Great God of Wonders”

Words by Samuel Davies

Music of the tune, “Rhydygroes,” by T.D. Edwards

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship our pardoning God,

**Unison: and let us celebrate the grace of God which is so rich
and free.**

Leader: Come, let us claim the assurance of God’s pardoning grace in
our lives,

**Unison as we remember Jesus prayed from the cross, “Father,
forgive them for they know not what they do.”**

Leader: Come, let us remember all that it means to us to survey the
wondrous cross on which Jesus died for us.

**Unison: and let us give thanks to God for that love so amazing
and so divine seen in that cross,**

Leader: as we celebrate our ability to wave that festal banner on high.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE FOR THE CROSS No. 145**

Marion

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, we praise you for your grace so rich and free seen in Jesus Christ, who was willing to deny himself, to suffer, to take up his cross, and to die for us to show us how much you love us. In him you have given to us, and to the whole world, an example of how you would have all people to live and to love. He himself challenged those who would follow him to deny themselves and to take up a cross. How often, though, we have wanted to follow him without any self-denial on our part, and without any willingness to suffer for others as he suffered for us. Forgive us, we pray, for how easily we have claimed to be the followers of Jesus with our lips and our words, but how slow we have been to follow him with our lives and our actions.

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)

All Sing

Open My Eyes

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hand the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Leader: We thank you, O God, that as we seek to see your will, you have raised up men and women down through the centuries to lead us and to guide us.

Unison: For all who have led us to a deeper awareness of your will for our lives, we praise your holy name.

Leader: We thank you, O God, for all whom you have called to teach and to lead us at this time and in this place.

Unison: Help us to follow what you would have them to share with us as they join with us in praying that all of us may hear you speaking to us.

All Sing

Open My Eyes

**Open my ears, that they may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Leader: We thank you, O God, that you have given to us the privilege of not only being hearers of your word but also to be doers of it.

Unison: For all who by their lives have helped us to appreciate more how you would have us to reflect your love in our own lives, we praise you, O God.

Leader: Guide, we pray, all who will serve as our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education leaders,

Unison: that not just their words but the example of their lives
will help all of us to share love with your children in all
places whatever their age might be.

All Sing

Open My Eyes

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

TO GO OUT AND SERVE . . .

*** HYMN OF THE CHURCH No. 442**

Aurelia

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*** 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 **flowers** gracing our sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by John W and Vikki Milton and family in memory of Vikki’s parents, Nat and Holly Lee and in honor of John’s parents, John and Alma Milton.

Our Prayer Calendar: Bud Wierman, Buddy Bannerman, Jeannette Vickery, John Lewis, Mel Mclure Clark, Debbie Moxley; Kenna Nelson (daughter-in-law of Larry and Hazel Nelson), Ron Wierman (requested by Bud and Mary Wierman), Betty Galloway (requested by Marianne Lonsinger), Peggy Stephens (requested by MaryAnn Gibbs) Betty Linton (requested by Frankie Stewart) Clifford Reed (requested by Mary Wierman) and Chad Plant (requested by Ginger Green).

The first Sunday evening meeting of our **Youth Group** for the new school year will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Valerie Marlow, our Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation until Wednesday of this week. The church office will be closed on Monday. Huw Christopher will be in the office most of Tuesday, but if you are wanting to get into the office, please call first at 526-2430 to make sure he is in. If Huw is not in, please leave him a message and he will be back in contact with you.

A **Supper Gathering for all Ladies** who have made reservations will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. This gathering will include a time for “catching up after the summer”, an introduction to the Circle Bible Study for the year, as well as a time for each circle to meet separately to make plans for the year. Recognizing some of our Senior Women will be the highlight of the evening.

Our next **newsletter** will be printed on Thursday. Any articles for this newsletter should be forwarded to Valerie at the church office, e-mail: firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by noon on Wednesday.

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 begin a new study entitled, “Teaching and Learning, with next week’s study being entitled, “Righteousness and Wisdom,” based on Proverbs 3:1-12. 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 Romans 13:8-14.

The **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated at our Worship Service next Sunday as we reflect on Paul’s words in Romans 13:8-14 and what it means to fulfill the law in loving our neighbors as ourselves. All who are unable to attend our Worship Services on a regular basis and who would like to receive communion at home following the service next Sunday are invited to contact the church office at 526-2430 so that arrangements may be made.

Our Daily Bread for September, October and November are available on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office.

Save the date, Friday, September 30th – Saturday, October 1st: Family and Friends Retreat at Dogwood Acres. Dogwood Acres offers opportunities for families and friends to participate in events such as: a Prayer Labyrinth, rock painting, Wii sports, real sports,

and a campfire with s'mores. What do you need for Dogwood Acres? A desire for family/friend centered activities, an appetite for home cooked meals and a reservation. Cost will be \$10 per person or \$30 per family of 3 or more, or \$5.00 a day for those who choose not to spend the night. *Please watch this week's newsletter for reservation forms.*

This week in the life of the church . . .

Today Youth Group at 6 p.m.
Monday **Church Office Closed**
Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
Ladies' Supper and Gathering at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Volunteers bagging for the food pantry: Mary Ann Gibbs, Marianne Lonsinger and Kerri Loving.
Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Matt Brickler, Mary Ann Gibbs, Kerri Loving, Betty Pettis and Jo-Ann Rountree.
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
JuBELLees rehearse at 6 p.m.
Thursday Newsletter collated at 1 p.m.
Friday Ladies Exercise Class 9 a.m.
Sunday (4th) 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 Our Love for Our Neighbor and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a.m.

Pastor: Huw Christopher

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Ruling Elder of the month: Marcus Green

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Administrative Assistant: Valerie Marlow

Custodian: Melissa Krebeck

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper

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