

**Service of Worship for
the First Sunday after
Christmas
Sunday, December 30,
2012
at 11 a.m.**



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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

CHORAL INTROIT “What Child Is This”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon and shining stars.

People: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens!

Leader: Let all things God has created praise the name
of the Lord!

**People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes
And all rulers of the earth!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the
Lord's name alone is exalted!

People: **Praise the Lord!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and eternal God, we confess that we have not been at peace with ourselves or with one another. Though you, in your grace, regard us as your children, we have been proud and impatient, short on compassion, and limited in love. Forgive us, O God, for our disharmony and ingratitude. Give us wisdom, humility, grace, and patience, that we, your people, may be of one mind and spirit, and give you joy and praise. Amen.

*** PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

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

Jill Berquist

(Children age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children's Time)

ANTHEM

“Let Us Light A Candle in the Darkness”

Words by Robert Willis

Music arranged by Richard Shephard

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3: 12-17

Pew Bible Page # 258NT

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“How Should We Live?”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

*** HYMN OF PRAISE No. 27**

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE..

*** HYMN OF PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION No. 40**

“Joy to the World”

*** THE BENEDICTION**

* THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 3 only

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

To Our Guests – Welcome to the 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 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.

During the Advent Season **Poinsettias** are gracing the sanctuary to the Glory of God and the Coming of the Christ Child.

Our Prayer Calendar: Joy Gilbert, Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Carolyn Land Page (niece of Ted Land), Louise Hoy, Ernest McNeill (father of Ernie McNeill), Bill Nelson (brother of Larry Nelson), Don Morris, Destry Burch (nephew of Mary Bevis Schmidt), Carolyn Baxter (requested by Cindy Morgan), Ken Rogers (requested by Deborah Mathewuse), Becky Williams, Myra Ettenborough (requested by Mary Skipper), Tom Dozier (requested by Larry and Jackie Spivey) and L. J. Pittman (requested by Mary Ann Gibbs)

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 Adults in the parlor will be studying: *Proclaiming Christ* Philippians 1:15-26.

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts and the Adult class in Room 2 will be praying the texts to be used in our Worship Service. Copies of the devotional booklet **Our Daily Bread** for December, January and February are available on the tables outside the fellowship hall, or at the Church office.

Interim Pastor Ted Land will be teaching a course starting January 13 on basic **Presbyterian beliefs and Reformed theology**.

The class was prompted by a comment he made about us Presbyterians need to know the difference between Predestination and the Providence of God. That question and others will be asked and answered as we look at the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. during the months of January and February.

The course will be offered on Sunday morning, from 9:46 until 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be repeated (maybe by video) on Wednesday evenings from 7:01 until 7:45. That class will probably be in the Parlor.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who supports our Church. The 2013 Stewardship campaign came to an end and the Session adopted a \$210,177 expense budget.

Your continued giving of financial support, time, and talents make the Missions of First Presbyterian Church possible.

Please remember that all contributions that you want recorded for the year 2012 must be dated **December 31, 2012** and either brought to the church, or be postmarked by December 31. You may drop an envelope through the mail slot in the front door of the office.

The Church Office will re-open this Wednesday, January 2. Interim Pastor, Ted Land is available for pastoral care and emergencies. He may be reached on his cell phone at 863-444-0716.

This week in the life of the church . .

- Monday Office Closed
Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday **Happy New Year!**
Office Closed
- Wednesday Bagging for Food Pantry at 8:00 a.m. The
volunteers are Bill Boyenton and Matt Brickler
Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
The volunteers are Cindy Morgan, Louise Pumphrey, Matt
Brickler and Marianne Lonsinger
Choir practice at 5:15 p.m.
JuBELLees Practice and Party at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday (30th) Coffee and Juice at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall
Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land

Ruling Elder of the Month: Ernest McNeill

Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Custodian: Melissa Krebeck

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Branham Skipper



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