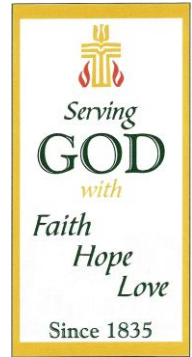


**A Celebration of Holy Communion
and the Epiphany of the Lord
the Second Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, January 6, 2013
at 11 a.m.**



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 “What Child Is This”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

People: **And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**

Leader: All nations shall come to the light.

People: **And rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**

Leader: Look and see, for everyone is coming home!

People: **Your sons are coming from distant lands;
 your daughters will be carried home.**

Leader: Our eyes shine with gladness.

People: **And our hearts thrill with joy.**

Leader: Now the glory of the Lord has risen.

People: **Arise, shine! Our light has come!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 63**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess we have foolishly participated in deeds of darkness, giving too little thought to your mission in this world, and to the boundless riches of your mystery revealed in Christ Jesus.

We have ignored or resisted the unity of the body that he came to establish. We have been slow to intercede for others, and timid in asking for your purposes to be fulfilled. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the mission and the mind of Christ. 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

**“We Three Kings” – Hymn No. 66
(Children and Congregation)**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Pew Bible Page # 808OT

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

ANTHEM

“Angels’ Carol”
John Rutter

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12
Pew Bible Page #4NT

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

SERMON

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

***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

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**

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: Praise be to you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who alone gives us the confidence to call you "Abba, Father", and to pray as he taught us,

*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.**

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 PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION No. 67**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 41**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 3

***POSTLUDE**

***All who can do so comfortably will 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.

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.

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.

Poinsettias are gracing the sanctuary this morning and are given to the Glory of God.

Our Prayer Calendar: Joy Gilbert, Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Carolyn Land Page (niece of Ted Land), and Ron Wierman (requested by Bud and Mary Wierman).

***Prayer Calendar Policy:** An individual's name will be placed on the Prayer Calendar (in the Bulletin and in the Newsletter) if: 1) an individual requests his or her own name be placed on the list, or 2) a family member of the individual makes the request, or 3) a non-family member makes the request with the knowledge and approval of the individual. Names of individuals will be included on the Prayer Calendar for a four week period.*

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: Jesus' Humility and Exaltation - Philippians 2:5-11.

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.

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 **Worship and Music Committee** needs your help to take down the Christmas decorations **today** after the Worship Service. Anyone who can remain after Church to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, January 7.

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

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at Betty Joyce Hand

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

The Good News Women will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the home of Betty Blighton (4590 Forest Park Drive). They will be continuing their study of world religions. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

All **Wildflowers** planning to take part in the MLK weekend retreat at Port St. Joe need to contact Merian Milton before Jan 10th and purchase the book from Amazon. If you have questions about becoming a part of the Wildflower circle, please contact Merian Milton at merianmilton@embarqmail.com.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee announces a new schedule for the **Covered Dish Suppers** beginning Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The covered dish suppers will be held weekly on Wednesday nights until further notice. Beginning Wednesday, January 16, you will also have the opportunity be part of the course on **Presbyterian beliefs and Reformed theology**, immediately following the covered dish supper from 7:01 till 7:45 p.m.

The **Autism Support Group** will commence there monthly meetings beginning this Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The **Sr. Hi Youth Group** and their parents invite everyone to join them next Sunday, January 13 for a luncheon in the fellowship hall after worship service. The donations from the luncheon will be used for their trip to the Montreat Youth Conference in June.

If you have not returned your **Commitment Form for 2013**, please do so this morning, or as soon as possible. Copies of the form and return envelopes are available where you picked up your bulletin this morning, or from the church office during the week.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
 Church Office open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Circle I at 10:30 a.m. in Church Parlor
Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Joyce Hand
Circle II at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Good News Women at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty Blighton
Tuesday Newsletter collated at 1:30 p.m.
Christian Education Committee at 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bagging for Food Pantry at 8:00 a.m. The volunteers are Matt Brickler and Jake Gunter.
Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
The volunteers are Bud and Mary Wierman, Betty Pettis, and Louise Pumphrey.
Choir practice at 5:15 p.m.
JuBELLees practice at 5:30 p.m.
Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
Sunday (13th) Mission and Service Committee at 8:45 a.m. in Church Office
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.
Montreat Luncheon at 12:15 p.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Ruling Elder of the Month: Betty Joyce Hand
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistant: Mary Skipper

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