

**Service of Worship for the
Sixth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 24, 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

“Nailed To a Cross”

Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord;

People: God’s love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 8**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord our God, you are the giver of light.
Let your face shine upon us, and save us in
your steadfast love. For though you call us to
have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
we have rebelled rather than obeyed, and closed
our ears to your teaching. We shrink from suffering,
and, left to ourselves, we would rather retaliate than
turn the other cheek. Forgive us, O God, and save us
from all sin and selfishness. For, if you are our helper,
there is none to declare us guilty.**

***PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE No. 322**

**Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me.**

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)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 18: 19-29

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

**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.**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 428**

**We give Thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust , O Lord, from Thee.**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE...

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION No. 91**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

***THE BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Vs. 1 & 4

***Please Note: For all topics in the bulletin preceded by an asterisk (*) please stand. For all topics where there is no asterisk, please be seated.**

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.

The **palms** gracing our sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God.

Our Prayer Calendar: Ise Daffin, Clara Jeanette Powell (requested by Jane Powell), Charlie Baur (requested by Ernie McNeill), Joe Busby (requested by Joe Busby), Mel McLure Clark (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Twanna Dunaway (requested by Jackie Spivey), Tom Dozier (requested by Jackie Spivey), Joanne Rountree, Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Carolyn Land Page (niece of Ted Land)

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: The Lord has Risen Indeed! *Luke 24:13-21,28-35*. 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. What Presbyterians Believe Class in the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Ted Land.

Our final **Lenten Luncheon** will be on Tuesday from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu includes soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages

and will be prepared by the men of the church. Everyone is invited to come, and bring a friend.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received on Easter morning. This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program,(36%); the Self-Development of People program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (32%); and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (32%). There will be special inserts and envelopes in the bulletin for this offering. More information can also be found on the website at [www. pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, March 27: Worship service at 6:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, March 29: Our sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for personal quiet reflection, meditation and prayer. Joanne Wynn will be playing the organ for part of this time. The Worship and Music Committee will have a member of the committee in the church at all times during these three hours.

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall from 9:30 until 9:45 a.m. **A Celebration of Easter for all Ages** will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will include a short program including singing and music. The program will conclude with our group Easter picture on the front steps of the sanctuary, the placing of flowers on our cross, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt, for children Fifth Grade and below on the church grounds.

The Worship Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. The sermon is based on John 20: 1-18 and titled "In The Garden".

CAT - CHURCH ASSESSMENT TOOL

As we move forward in our efforts to secure our next minister, one of the first things we as a congregation will do is to complete a survey call the CAT - Church Assessment Tool. This survey done individually can be completed on-

line or by paper/pencil by church members and affiliates who live "in-town", have been active within the past year, and are 16 years of age or older. This survey is a standardized, bench-marked instrument that will help us collect information that is distinctive to our congregation. All answers are confidential and your candor is essential to our future together.

Compilation of the surveys will be done by a firm called HOLY COW CONSULTING and we will receive a report from them called VITAL SIGNS upon survey completion. You will be hearing a lot more about this.

Our plan is to give our members three weeks to take the survey beginning the survey process on Sunday, April 7 and closing the survey on Sunday, April 28. You will receive full details prior to taking the survey.

We look forward to this next step together as we seek God's will for our future. More information to follow.

The **Food Pantry** is now up and running at its new location in the "Spivey House" at 4439 Clinton Street. The Mission and Service Committee would like to thank Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator, and Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator for overseeing the project over the last couple of weeks.

Thank you to:

....**Freddie Harvey, son Jessie and members of the Motorcycle Club "Fire and Iron"** for moving the shelving and food to the new pantry location.

.... **Michael and JoAnn Thompson** for their donation of two chest freezers for frozen foods.

.... **Scott Yant** for delivering the freezers.

....**Steve and Mary Ann Hutton** for supplying and spreading the milled asphalt for the Pantry and Office parking area.

....**Chuck Morgan** for working on the leaking sanctuary roof.

This week in the life of the church . .

Today Palm Sunday

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon in the fellowship hall

Bagging for Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m. The volunteers are Bob Pitman and Marianne Lonsinger

Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Louise Pumphrey, Marianne Lonsinger and Matt Brickler
Choir practice at 5:15 p.m.

Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m.

What Presbyterians Believe Class at 7:01 p.m.

Thursday **Maundy Thursday** Service at 6:30 p.m. with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.

Good Friday Sanctuary open 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday (31st) **Easter Sunday**

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Easter Celebration at 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land

Ruling Elder of the Month: Scott Yant

Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow

Director of Music: Lawrence R. Nelson

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Custodian: Melissa Krebeck

Food Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck

Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Trey Weeks

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