

Service of Worship for

EASTER

Sunday, March 31, 2013
at 11 a.m.



Easter Day

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

“Our Christ Arose”

Words and Music by Lawrence R. Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the
Holy Spirit and with power.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the kingdom and healed people.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: But God raised him on the third day.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: Christ has commanded us to share the good news with all the world, so that all may believe and have life through him.

People: **We are witnesses: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

How shortsighted we are, O Lord, that we so often hope in this life and forget the life to come; that we seek the living among the dead. Though you foretold your death and resurrection, our view remains clouded by death and doubt, desire and sin. Forgive us, Lord Christ, for you are Lord of all, victorious over death and ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

***PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

(Please see Bulletin Insert)

“Come and Join the Celebration”

Arr. By Stanley Littleton

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 118: 14-18
Pew Bible Page# 717

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

ANTHEM **“MAJESTY”**
Jack Schrader

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20: 1-18
Pew Bible Page# 140

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

THE SERMON **“IN THE GARDEN”**

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

***HYMN OF GRATITUDE** **(Please see Bulletin Insert)**

“In The Garden”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Brief Statement of Faith, Section 2**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.**

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. 108**

“Christ Is Alive”

***THE BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 302**

“I Danced In The Morning”

***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 **flowers** gracing our sanctuary this morning are given by John and Alma Milton to the Glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren.

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 Appears *Luke 24:36-53*. 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. “The Dear, John Letters” taught by Interim Pastor Ted Land in the fellowship hall.

THE DEAR, JOHN LETTERS

During the month of April, Interim Pastor Ted Land will be teaching on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings again. His topic will be the New Testament Letters of John.

"I thought about calling the series *An Intensive Study of the Johannine Epistles*, or *Reading St. John's Mail*, but somehow I settled on *The Dear, John Letters*,"

Classes will be in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 9:46 a.m. on Sunday and 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received this 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 are special envelopes in the bulletin for this offering.

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, April 1.

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

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

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

The Good News Women at 7 p.m. at the home of Carol Homoney

The next **Wildflowers** group will meet at the home of Lauren Milton on April 9th at 6:30. In addition to the regular Bible study, we will be having a diapers and wipes shower for Amanda Hinson. For more information, contact Merian Milton at merianmilton@embarqmail.com.

Thank you to all of the Ladies Circles and the Men of the Church for preparing the meal for the Lenten Luncheons over the past 6 weeks.

Appreciation is extended to our choir and Choir Director, Larry Nelson, and Organist, Stanley Littleton, for all of their great leadership to our worship services each Sunday and especially throughout Lent and on Maundy Thursday and Easter.

Copies of Rev. Ted Land's sermons are available on the table in the narthex, and on the church website at www.firstpresmarianna.org.

This week in the life of the church . .

Today CHRIST IS RISEN!

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

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

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 at Betty Joyce Hand

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

Good News Women at 7 p.m. at Carol Homoney

Tuesday Christian Education Committee at 5 p.m.

Bagging for Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m. Bill Boyenton and Marianne Lonsinger.

Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Betty Pettis, Marianne Lonsinger and Matt Brickler

Covered Dish Supper in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.

Sunday (7th) 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: 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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