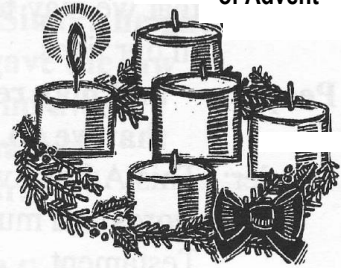


**A Celebration of the Coming of the
PRINCE OF PEACE
Sunday, December 8, 2013
at 11 a.m.**

Second Sunday
of Advent



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 No. 9

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Verse 1**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:
THE CANDLE OF PEACE!**

Leaders: Amanda and Jeff Hinson

Leader: A new branch will grow from the root of Jesse.

People: **The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him.**

Leader: We will live in peace, and a child will lead us.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Leader: As the candle of peace is lit, embrace Jesus as God’s Peacemaker, the One who redeems us from hatred and violence, and who will reign one day over a reconciled world.

People: **We long for that day and work toward peace, in the power of Jesus.**

The candle of Peace is lit...

UNISON PRAYER: O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us. Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 8**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another; we neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready to enter into your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 11: 1-10
Pew Bible Pg. 808-9**

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 10

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Matthew 3: 1-12
Pew Bible Pg. 5**

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

THE SERMON

“JOHN THE PROPHET”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR COLTON WAYNE HINSON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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.

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 28**

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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**

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 No. 15 “Rejoice! Rejoice Believers”**

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 1**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 3

*** POSTLUDE**

*** 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: Charlene Garraway, JoAnn Rountree, Ernest McNeill (father of Ernie McNeill), Burton Fite (requested by Donna Moore), Linda and David Stewart (requested by Jake Gunter), Sherry Stone (requested by Susie Stevens), Larry Stevens (requested by Kathy Milton), Peggy Keaton (requested by Joy Lewis), Stanley Littleton, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Kena Nelson (requested by Larry and Hazel Nelson), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue 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: Zechariah Prophecies about his Son John *Luke 1:57-58, 67-79*.

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 **Food Pantry Offering** for December will be received next Sunday, December 15. During the month of November, we served 547 families consisting of the following age groups (0-18), 483 (19-59), 600 and (60+) 293 for a total of **1376** individuals.

The Children's Christmas pageant, "**Just a Little Christmas**" is scheduled for this Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All are invited to attend and bring a friend. The Christian Education Committee will be providing Pizza and Salad after the pageant in the Fellowship Hall.

The Evangelism and Fellowship committee is looking forward to the "**Live Nativity**" this Friday, December 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the Madison Street side of the church property. They invite all to come and view this event, with cookies, coffee and hot chocolate being served.

If you have forgotten to fill in your **Commitment Cards**, please do so as soon as possible. Additional copies of the Commitment card and Service card are available on the table outside the fellowship hall or at the Church office. Please prayerfully consider your spirit of generosity in your financial commitment and your commitment of time and talents to continue to serve God through this congregation in 2014.

Copies of the new ***Our Daily Bread*** for December, January and February are available on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.

This week in the life of the church . .

- Today Worship and Music at 12:15 in the parlor
- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Bagging for Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m. The volunteers are Bob Pitman, Mary Ann Gibbs and Marianne Lonsinger
Autism Support Group at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The volunteers are Ray Litteral, Marsha Rodgers, Mary and Bud Wierman and Marianne Lonsinger
Choir practice at 5:15 p.m.
Children's Christmas Pagaent at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
"Live Nativity" from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday (15th) Third Sunday in Advent
Youth Led Worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
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.
Food Pantry Offering

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Ruling Elder of the Month: Joy Gilbert
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Director of Music Emeritus: Lawrence R. Nelson
Guest Organist: Lou Wilkinson
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Melissa Krebeck
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Mary Skipper and Trey Weeks

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