

**Service of Worship for  
the First Sunday after  
Christmas  
Sunday, December 29,  
2013  
at 11 a.m.**



First Sunday after Christmas

**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. 27**

**“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” Verse 1**

**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. 36**

**“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”**

**\*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 No. 27**

**Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (verse 2)**

**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 LESSON**

**Isaiah 63: 7-9**  
**Pew Bible Page #898**

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

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 59**

**“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”**  
**Verses 1,2 & 3**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Luke 2:22-40**  
**Pew Bible Page #72**

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

## **SERMON**

**“ A Light to the Nations”**

**Rev. Dr. Ted Land**

## **\* HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

**“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”**  
**Verses 4,5 & 6**

## **\*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 No. 27**

**Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (verse 3)**

**\* 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. 50**

**“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”**

**\*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.

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

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Charlene Garraway, JoAnn Rountree, 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: Honoring the Sabbath *Luke 6:1-11*.

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.

Mission and Service Committee has instituted a **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday World Mission Offering**, which will be taken this morning. Whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday throughout the year, an offering will be taken up to benefit a Worldwide Mission. Envelopes are provided as in the Bulletins for your use, and they can also be found on the table outside the Fellowship hall.

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.

Please remember that all contributions that you want recorded for the year 2013 must be dated **December 31, 2013** and either brought to the church office, 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 be closed Monday, December 30, Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday January 1, and will re-open this Thursday, 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.

Everyone is invited to the **New Year's Eve Game Night** as we ring out the old and bring in the New Year on Tuesday, December 31. Bring a snack, a game or video or nothing at all, but at least join us for a low stress New Year's Eve celebration. Games begin at 8 p.m. and we'll ring the church bell at midnight!

**This week in the life of the church . .**

- Monday Office Closed  
Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Office Closed  
New Year's Eve Game Night at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Office Closed
- Thursday Alzheimer's Support Group at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday (5th) 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 will be celebrated.

**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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