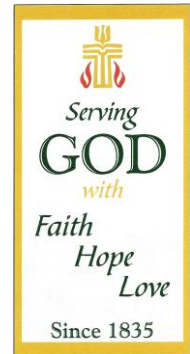


First Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday, November 16, 2014
at 11 a.m.



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 No. 482**

Verse 1

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Keep silence in God’s presence;
the day of the Lord is at hand!

**Peoples: Let us not fall asleep,
but live as children of light.**

Leader: The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast.

**Peoples: We watch and wait
in faith, hope, and love.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You adorn us with the armor of light,
but we hide ourselves in darkness.
You trust us with the message of grace,
but we bury that treasure in fear.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.**

***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 ages 5 and under are excused to go downstairs following our Children's time.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 123
Pew Bible Page #498

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30
Pew Bible Page# 807

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

ANTHEM

“Christ Be My Leader”

Text by Timothy Dudley-Smith
Music by Slane
An Irish folk tune arranged by Michael Bedford

SERMON

“Good and Faithful Servants”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 422**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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**

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**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

*** HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 514**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION**

“What Does the Lord Require”

Everyone, one time: What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Just women, one time: To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

Everyone together, two times In Unison

(Ladies sing): To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

(Men sing): What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

***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.

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 today are given to the Glory of God by Brian and Merian Milton in honor of the Children of the Church.

Our Prayer Calendar: : Ron Wierman (brother of Bud Wierman), Bill Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Will Rountree (requested by Jo-Ann Rountree), Cole Payne , Don Morris (requested by Jim Gibbs), Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Tyler Ward (grandson of Bud and Mary Wierman), Sid Riley and Doris Adkins (requested by Dot Carpenter), Cliff Stewart (requested by Ginger Green), Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Mary McLure Clark, Jeff Hinson and Family, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land) and Millie Sica.

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to Rev. Dr. Ted and Polly Land on the death of his sister-in-law Sue Land.

Every Sunday morning there is an **Education Hour** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There are three classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying Transformation Continued *Ezekial 47:13-23*.

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday School Class K-5, a one-month commitment. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the fellowship hallway.

The Youth will be hosting the **Montreat Luncheon** today after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Thanksgiving celebration with Turkey and all the fixings. Please come join us.

The Marine Corp's **Toys for Tots** box is in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. The mission of the program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. The stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens." The box will be picked up after Thanksgiving for distribution.

Our **Thanksgiving Special Offering** for the work of **Thornwell Home for Children** located in Clinton, South Carolina will be received next Sunday, November 23. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin that Sunday that may be used for this offering. There is an insert for your reading in today's bulletin.

According to our history book, our first offering for Thornwell was received in January 1910! As we receive our Thanksgiving offering for Thornwell in November, we will celebrate our support for this very special work. Thank you for your prayerful concern and support for this ministry.

The **PALS Luncheon** will be held this Tuesday, November 18 at 12 noon. Reservations for lunch (\$5.00 per person) may be made by filling out one of the *Welcome* cards and placing it on the offering plate this morning or by contacting the church office by 10 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, November 17 at 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net.

There will be a **Congregational meeting** following the Church Service today to elect the new ruling elders for the Class of 2017.

This week in the life of the church . .

Today Montreat Luncheon
Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday PALS Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.
 Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.
 Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 in the
 Fellowship Hall
 Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m.
 followed by Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.
Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
Sunday Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
 Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.
 Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 Thornwell Offering

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Ruling Elder of the Month: John W. Milton
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Amy Godfrey
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson

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