

**A Celebration of Holy
Communion**
Service of Worship
Sunday, December 7, 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. 9** (*Choir and Congregation*)

Verse 2

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

**Leaders: Jennifer, Barry, Eva Marie, Jacob and Stephen
Stafford**

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.

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!

The candle of Peace is lit...

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 309**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent,
but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us,
but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy
so that we may be at one with you
when all your glory is revealed;
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 ages 5 and under are excused to go downstairs following our Children's time.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Pew Bible Page #581-2

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1: 1-8

Pew Bible Page #812

The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Prepare the Way”

Words by Frans Mikael Franzen

Arranged by Jesse Benton

SERMON

“A Voice in the Wilderness”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 10**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

***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 CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please hold the elements until all have been served)

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

*** HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 332**

“Live Into Hope”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 322**

“Spirit of the Living God”

***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.

Everyone who seeks to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share in the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** with us. According to the tradition of this congregation, we will hold the bread and the cup in order that we might eat and drink together when we are invited to do so. You are encouraged to hold the bread with the napkin provided as you break off your piece.

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 **Poinsettias** gracing our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God.

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, Ise Daffin, Gina Stuart, Tyler Ward (grandson of Bud and Mary Wierman), Louise Wilkinson Spivey, James Carpenter (Freddie's brother), 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 the family of Kay Bell Turner. Services were held Friday, December 5th, in Phenix City, Alabama. Memorials may be made to The 1835 Endowment Fund in her memory.

Every Sunday morning there are **Educational 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: December 14 Make a Joyful Noise *Psalms 95: 1-7a*

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

The Youth Group will have a **Montreat Luncheon** today following the worship service in the fellowship hall. Please join them for lunch and bring a friend. The proceeds from these luncheons help to defray the costs of their annual trip every year to the Montreat Conference in North Carolina.

There will be **practice** for the Children's Christmas Pageant after worship service today.

The **Children's Christmas pageant** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 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 everyone is invited to bring their favorite salad or dessert to share after the pageant in the Fellowship Hall.

As you think about Christmas presents for this year, you might want to consider giving a family member or friend one of our History Books. They are available at the Church Office. The cost of the books are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.

Aprons are also available for purchase at the cost of \$15.00. The proceeds from the aprons will go to the Church's Food Pantry.

This week in the life of the church . .

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Circle 1 at the home of Alma Milton at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday 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.
Children's Christmas Pageant at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Saturday Wildflower's Christmas Brunch at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday Mission and Service Committee at 8:45 a.m. in Office
Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Food Pantry Offering

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Amy Godfrey
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson

First Presbyterian Church
Serving God with Faith, Hope and Love since 1835
Corner of Jefferson and Clinton Streets
Marianna, Florida
(850) 526-2430
website: www.firstpresmarianna.org
E-Mail: firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net