

**A Celebration of the Coming of
Christ
Sunday, December 14, 2014
at 11a.m.**

**Third 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 3

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

Leaders: Matt, Danielle, Cole and Caroleena Payne

Leader: Jesus is coming, as God’s joy for us.

People: The promise of God is sure: **“Sing aloud, O Zion;
Shout, O Israel! Rejoice with all your heart! The
King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.”**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we celebrate the coming of
Jesus as God’s joy among us. A day is coming when
God will gather all. Even the oppressed and the outcast
will come home, and we shall rejoice.

People: **Until that day, we serve an aching world in the power
of the Spirit, exchanging fear for gladness, and worry
for prayer.**

Leader: As the candle of joy is lit, set anxiety aside, rejoice in

the Lord, pray with thanks, and make every need known to God.

People: We pray for the day when God's salvation is fully come and the whole world rejoices.

The candle of JOY is lit...

***UNISON PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus Christ, your joy we already know and celebrate, but we long for our weary world to know the joy of a new beginning. Help us to share your joy with all who are hungry or weighed down by sorrow, both those we meet every day, and those around the globe we will never meet. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You send your Spirit to release us,
yet we remain captivated by sin.
You stand among us in Christ Jesus,
yet we claim we do not know you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Make us holy; make us whole.
Keep us safe and sound
until the day of your coming;
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)

FOOD PANTRY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 61: 1-4,6-11
Pew Bible Page # 603-4**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

**John 1: 6-8
Pew Bible Page#862**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Love Divine"

Text by Charles Wesley

Music by W. P. Rowlands

SERMON

"A Prophet's Calling"

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

(See Back Cover)

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD...

***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 the 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 OF PROCLAMATION NO. 15**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

***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 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: : Ned Grove (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Eleanor Houyoux, 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.

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: December 21 Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2: 8-20*.

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 this morning. November was a busy month for the food pantry. The pantry served 454 households for a total of 1318 individuals just in the first three Wednesdays of November.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is divided equally between the Board of Pensions, to offer supplemental retirement income, and medical insurance for retired ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families, and the Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges of our denomination. Special envelopes for this offering will be included in the bulletin **next Sunday, December 21**.

The **Second Harvest Mobile Pantry along with Family Dollar** will be at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday morning during our normal pantry hours to give out free produce, and clothing articles. We appreciate their participation in our Food Pantry Mission this Christmas Season.

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.

Everyone is invited to share in our **Christmas Eve Service** on Wednesday, December 24, **at 6:00 p.m.** The Christmas Eve Service will be centered on the theme of "A Light Shines in the Darkness" The service will include the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and will conclude with Candle Lighting, and the singing of the carol, "Silent Night." This service will be preceded by special Christmas Organ Music played by Stanley Littleton.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bagging for Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.
Session meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday Food pantry is open from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Harvest Mobile Pantry 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. 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.
Choir Practice at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m. Christmas Joy 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

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Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish



1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish, Come to the
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, Light of the stray - ing, Hope of the
 3. Here see the Bread of Life; see wa - ters flow - ing Forth from the



mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel; Here bring your wound - ed hearts,
 pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure! Here speaks the Com - fort - er,
 throne of God, pure from a - bove: Come to the feast of love;



here tell your an - guish: Earth has no sor - rows that heaven can - not heal.
 ten - der - ly say - ing, "Earth has no sor - rows that heaven can - not cure."
 come, ev - er know - ing Earth has no sor - rows but heaven can re - move. A - MEN.

