

**A Celebration of the Coming of  
Christ, Bringing Love to the  
World!  
Sunday, December 21, 2014  
at 11a.m.**



**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”**

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

**Leaders: Bobbie, Beth, Alexis and Dillon Beasley**

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

**People:** The promise of God is sure: “But you, O Bethlehem..  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule...  
and he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength  
of the Lord.”

**Leader:** In this season of Advent, we celebrate the coming of  
Jesus as God’s gift: “For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in  
him may not perish, but may have eternal life.”

**People:** Until the day when the world is filled with God’s  
promised eternal life, we receive and rejoice in the  
sacrificial love with which Jesus loves us.

**Leader:** As the candle of love is lit, take the love of God, revealed in Bethlehem's child, and use it to transform the world.

**People:** We pledge ourselves, as God's beloved partners, to love the world God loves, not counting the cost.

**The candle of Love 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. 49**

**“Once In David's Royal City”**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Maker, we confess  
that we are not ready to meet you.  
You offer us a place in your house,  
yet we find no room for you in our lives.  
You invite us into your eternal realm,  
yet we fail to welcome others.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let your word of life be with us  
so that we may truly believe  
that nothing is impossible with you;  
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**

**Psalm 89: 1-4**

**Pew Bible Page # 475**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Luke 1: 46b-55**

**Pew Bible Page#832**

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People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

**“The Angel Gabriel”**  
Text by Sabine Baring-Gould  
Arranged by Jesse Benton

**SERMON**

**“A Maiden's Song”**

**Rev. Dr. Ted Land**

## **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #55**

**“That Boy Child of Mary”**

### **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 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.**

#### **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. 48**

**“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”**

**\*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 and Christmas Season **Poinsettias** are gracing the sanctuary to the Glory of God and the Coming of the Christ Child.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Mike Andrejko (requested by Mary Wierman), 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), Don Morris (requested by Jim Gibbs), Matt Lein, Ise Daffin, Gina Stuart, 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.

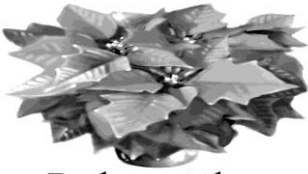
Every Sunday morning there are **Sunday School Classes** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There are three classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying: In Awe of Christ's Power *Matthew 14: 22-36*.

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 **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 are included in today's bulletin.

Everyone is invited to share in our **Christmas Eve Service** this 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.

**The Church office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 thru Friday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 30 thru Friday January 2.**



## Poinsettias

# **Poinsettias Gracing the Sanctuary Are Given to the Glory of God by**

- Macky McCaskill Gortemoller in memory Dexter and Jay McCaskill and Judy McCaskill Garraway
- Joy Hinton in honor of her Grandchildren Chelsey McCrary and Brandon Massengill
- Alex and Joy Lewis in memory of their parents Alex and Jean Lewis and Merritt and Mae Blighton.
- Barbara Lewis in memory of James A. Lewis
- Dennis and Carol Maxson in memory of their grandson Braden Maxson Errol Grant
- Ernest and Frances McNeill in honor of our Grandchildren Zephra, Gage, Elijah and Nehemiah and Great-grandchild Ellie
- Jane Powell and daughters Alane Prinz, Kim Donofro and Kelly Parmer in memory of Robert C. Powell
- Larry and Jackie Spivey in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spivey
- Frankie Stewart and the Owens Family in memory of Robert and Betty Linton, Linda Linton and Wayne Stewart
- Tom and Joan Stadskev in memory of their parents Frank and Wilma Bylsma and Otto and Donna Stadskev
- Allen and Laurie Ward in memory of Christine Edge

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

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Office Closed  
Thursday Christmas Day  
Office Closed  
Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
Office Closed  
Sunday Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.  
Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**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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