

**A Celebration of Holy Communion  
the Second Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday, January 4, 2015  
at 11 a.m.**



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**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**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 38**

*Verses 1 & 2*

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 22**

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Savior, we confess  
that we fail to live in your light.  
Christ has come into the world,  
He has called us to be his own,  
and yet we do not accept him.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Shape us by your Word of truth,**

**seal us with your Holy Spirit,  
and let us live to show your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE No. 28**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

**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 147:12-20**

***Pew Bible Page #507-8***

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

**People:      Thanks be to God**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**John 1: 1-18**

***Pew Bible Page #862***

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

**People:      Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

## **SERMON**

**“Children of God”**

**Rev. Dr. Ted Land**

## **\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 25**

**“Away in a Manger”**

## **\*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. 53**

**“What Child Is This?”**

### **\*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. 29**

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

### **\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## \*THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 38

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Verses 3&4

### \*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 flowers** gracing our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jason and LuAnne Law.

**Prayer Requests:** James Raymond Parker (great grandson of Alex and Joy Lewis), Mike Andrejko (requested by Mary Wierman), Ned Grove, Margaret McRae (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, Gina Stuart, 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), Millie Sica, Julie Stadskev and James Griffith.

Every Sunday morning there are **Education 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: Jesus Prays for the Disciples *John 17: 6-21*

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts.

The JuBELLee Handbell Choir will start back their practice sessions on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. We need 7 or 8 willing ringers to commit until May. Practices will be weekly at 5:45 p.m. in the upstairs Bell Room. **You do not need to be a member of this church to participate.**

**The Property and Operations Committee** would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The ongoing project of water sealing the Church is almost complete. Once we are reassured that all the leaks are watertight, we will commence with the repairing and painting of the Sanctuary ceiling in the Spring.

The **2015 Stewardship campaign** is currently ongoing and your continued giving of financial support, time, and talents make the Missions of First Presbyterian Church possible.

Please remember that all contributions that you want recorded for the year 2014 must be dated **December 31, 2014** and either brought to the church, or be postmarked by December 31. You may drop an envelope through the mail slot in the front door of the office. If you have not yet turned in a commitment or time and talents form, they are available on the table outside the fellowship hall or from the office. Please fill out the Time and Talents portion of the Commitment form if you would like to participate on a committee, or volunteer your time or talents in any other way.

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

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.  
Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor.  
Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday **Epiphany**  
Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Alzheimer's Support Group at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall  
Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.  
JuBELLees practice at 5:45 p.m. in Upstairs Handbell Room  
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 Mission and Service Committee at 8:45 a.m. in Office Conference Room.  
Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.  
Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land**  
**Ruling Elder: Peggy Peacock**  
**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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