

**Service of Worship for
The Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2015
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

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 84

Verse 1

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen for the word of the Lord.

People: Our wisdom is the way of the cross.

Leader: Enter into God’s house with praise.

People: Our temple is the body of Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 417**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You gave us your law to guide us,
but we seek the wisdom of the world.
You made us a temple of living stones,
but we dishonor the body of Christ.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Instruct us in our foolishness
and strengthen us in our weakness
so that we may be holy and whole;
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

Psalm 19

Pew Bible Page #433

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 2:13-22
Pew Bible Page #863

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

ANTHEM

“O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge”

Music by J.S. Bach
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson
Text by Hal H. Hopson

Psalm 71:1-3, 5, 20

O Lord, my God,
You are my refuge;
O let me never be dismayed,
Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope,
You are my refuge.
My trust is ever in your care;
Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to you.

Through dark of night,
your light shines upon my way.
For you are near to be my comfort.
I will praise your name for ever more.

SERMON

“Cleaning House”

Rev. Dr. Ted Land

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 282**

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

***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. 428**

Verse 1

**We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord from Thee**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 386**

“O for a World”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 333**

“Seek Ye First”

***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.

The flowers gracing our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by The Albert and Kathy Milton family in memory of Althea Stevens.

Prayer Requests: Libby Hutto (requested by Ernest McNeill), Dennis Maxson (requested by Carol Maxson), Destry Burch (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Paul Burns (requested by Ernie McNeill), Louise Pumphrey, Mike

Andrejko (requested by Mary Wierman), Ned Grove, Margaret McRae (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Eleanor Houyoux, Bill Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Will Rountree (requested by Jo-Ann Rountree), Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Sid Riley and Millie Sica.

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: The Lamb of God *John 1:29-34*. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts.

The **Lenten Luncheon** series continues each Tuesday afternoon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Interim Pastor Ted Land will be leading the luncheons with the theme “**The Six Great Ends of the Church**”. Most people have heard of the Seven Last Words from the Cross, and have probably attended Good Friday services where those sayings of Jesus were the focus of the service. We’ll have one here in our sanctuary during the first week of April, God willing.

The Six Great Ends of the Church are lesser known. They are a part of our Presbyterian heritage, a part of what makes us who and what we are as a church, as a denomination.

Luncheons will be prepared and served by the Presbyterian Women’s Circles, except for March 31, which will be the Presbyterian Men’s Luncheon Day.

March 10: Circle 2

March 17: Lunch Bunch Circle

March 24: Circle 2

March 31: Men of the Church

Everyone is invited to come and also invite your friends and neighbors.

We will be **providing afternoon snacks** for the College students and other volunteers for Jackson County Habitat for Humanity Build this Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9. Snacks and fruit may be brought to the church office or be left in the church kitchen and marked “Habitat.”

The **Women's Circles 1 & 2** will be having a work party at the Church this Monday, March 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Change to Calendar of Events for March – Due to most of our youth being out of town for Spring break during the week of March 22, the **Montreat Luncheon** will be hosted by our Youth next Sunday, March 15 following worship service in the Fellowship hall.

The Food Pantry Offering will be on Sunday, March 22.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m. Circles 1&2 Work Party at 10:30 a.m. at the Church Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. at Betty Joyce Hand.
Tuesday	Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m. Autism Support Group at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday	Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. JuBELLees practice at 5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. Wildflowers meets at 6:30 p.m. at Jennifer Stafford
Friday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
Sunday (15 th)	Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. Education Hour at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11:00 a.m. Montreat Luncheon

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land
Ruling Elder: Jim Gibbs
Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Scott Yant
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson

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