

**Service of Worship for
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 15, 2015
at 11 a.m.**

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in Lent



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: Look to the Lord your God, and live.

People: Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.

Leader: For though we once were dead in sin,

People: now, by the grace of God, we live.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 356**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
We grumble and complain
when you have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness
when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in you
so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life;
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 107:1-3:17-22
*Pew Bible Page #487***

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10
Pew Bible Page #949-50

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21
Pew Bible Page#864

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

ANTHEM

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar around me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim;
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure:
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me

SERMON

“ The Good Gifts of God”

Elder John W. Milton

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 394**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

***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. 422**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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 Joy Hinton in memory of Magdalene Land and Ed Hinton.

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, 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.

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to Jonathan Taylor and family in the death of his father Dr. G. Dekle Taylor who died on March 2 at the age of 96 in Jacksonville, Florida.

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to Hazel Nelson and family on the death of Bill Nelson on March 11 in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

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: Receive the Holy Spirit *John 20:19-23*. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts.

The **Lenten Luncheon** series continue each Tuesday afternoon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Interim Pastor Ted Land is leading the luncheons with the theme “**The Six Great Ends of the Church**”.

Luncheons will be prepared and served by the following:

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.

The **Sr. High Youth Group** will be hosting a **Montreat Luncheon** today after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as the proceeds from the luncheons provide funding for the Youth to attend the Annual Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina each summer.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m. 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.
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.
Friday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
Sunday (22 nd)	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. Food Pantry Offering

Worship Leader: John W. Milton
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