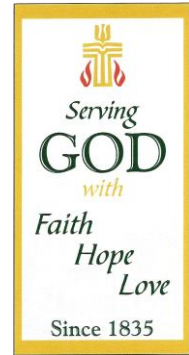


# First Presbyterian Church Service of Worship

August 23, 2015  
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. 326**

**Verses 1&4**

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God, whom will you serve?

**People: As for this house, we will serve the Lord.**

Leader: Where else can we turn? To whom can we go?

**People: Jesus alone has the words of eternal life**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE No. 138**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have not followed your way.  
You bestow the gift of wisdom,  
yet we continue in our foolishness.  
You provide the bread of life,  
yet we persist in the ways of death.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to make better use  
of the lives you have given us,  
giving glory to you in all things;  
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**

**Psalm 84: 1 - 2, 8-12  
Pew Bible Pg#472-3**

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

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 5:1-12**  
**Pew Bible Pg#785-6**

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

## **ANTHEM**

**“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”**  
**Text by George Matheson**  
**Music arranged by Gordon Young**

Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths  
its flow May richer, fuller be.

Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## **SERMON**

### **"Worship in a Changing World"**

**Ruling Elder Walt H. Reese**

#### **\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 562**

### **"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, whose love we know in the beauty of his world, in daily bread, in the kindness of human hearts, and most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, whose touch of grace makes our eyes to see, our ears to hear, strengthens us to do all things in him, and delivers us from death to life. We believe in the Holy Spirit in whose power there is peace, in whose presence there is joy, and in whose promise we dare to be more.**

#### **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

*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.**

### *TO GO OUT AND SERVE*

### \* HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 302

**“I Danced in the Morning”**

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

**“What Does the Lord Require”**

**Everyone, one time:** What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

**Just women, one time:** To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

**Everyone together, two times In Unison**

(Ladies sing): To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

(Men sing): What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?

### \*POSTLUDE

**\*All who can do so comfortably will stand**

**We welcome our guest preacher this morning Ruling Elder Walt H. Reese.** Walt and his wife Mary, have been married since June 1946. Her father was a Presbyterian Minister, and Walt became a Presbyterian in June 1946.

He enjoyed 30 years in the Navy (May 1943 – June 1973 as a Naval Aviator. then enjoyed 11 years as the NJROTC Naval Science Instructor, on the faculty of Milton High School (1973 – 1984) ..... almost as much fun as flying airplanes.

He has spent many years (at least 30) serving Presbytery of Florida on various committees. In November 1992, he commenced serving as Chairman of the Task Force for Pace Presbyterian New Church Development.

**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.

The **Flowers gracing our Sanctuary this morning** are given to the Glory of God by Travis and Ellie Lawson.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Dr. Joe Gay, Earl Carroll by (requested by Hazel Nelson), Ned Grove (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Bob Ward and Michael Ward (requested by Mary Wierman), Kena Nelson ( requested by Hazel Nelson), David Clark (requested by Mel McLure), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Destry Burch (requested by Mary Schmidt),

Harold and Tammy Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), Louise Pumphrey, Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, 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 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: Return to a Just God *Malachi 3: 1-10* .Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

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

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
Tuesday Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m.  
Session meets at 5:30 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.  
Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Newsletter collated at 1:00 p.m.  
Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.  
Sunday (30th) Coffee and Juice at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Educational Classes for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Lewis Bullard  
Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

**Guest Preacher: Ruling Elder Walt H. Reese**  
**Ruling Elder: Ellie Lawson**  
**Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow**  
**Organist: Stanley Littleton**  
**Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck**  
**Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson**

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