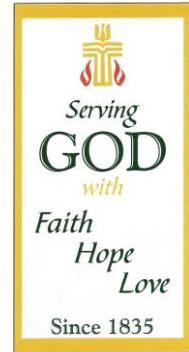


First Presbyterian Church Service of Worship

August 30, 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: With our words and in our actions,

People: let us praise the living God.

Leader: With our lips and in our lives,

People: let us glorify the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You lavish your love upon us,
yet we let our hearts grow cold.
You wash us clean in your mercy,
yet we defile ourselves in sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us a new religion:
to love you and one another
even as you have loved us;
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 15
Pew Bible Pg#430**

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

THE GOSPEL READING

James 1:17-27
Pew Bible Pg#980-1

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

ANTHEM

“Consecration”
Words by Frances R. Havergal
Music by John Ness Beck

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.
Life that shall endless be.

SERMON

"Are We There Yet?"

Rev. Dr. Lewis Bullard

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

***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. 341**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

***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 Rev. Dr. Lewis Bullard.

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 Brian and Merian Milton.

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: Praying for One Another *Acts 4:23-31*. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

The **World Mission offering** is collected in the months that have a fifth Sunday. Today is a fifth Sunday. We are currently supporting Jim and Jodi McGill, Mission Co-Workers in Malawi, Africa. To read more about them and their mission on-line at: pcusa.org/james-and-jodi-mcgill. We also look forward to meeting Jim and Jodi on Sunday, September 13. Jim will be our guest preacher.

In keeping with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Church Manual of First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida, the Session hereby calls the Congregation to meet at the close of the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, September 13, for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee for 2014-2015. This Committee will nominate candidates for the office of Ruling Elder for the Class of 2017 at a subsequent meeting. The committee will bring forward the names of five persons to serve, and nominations from the floor are in order, with the prior consent of the person to be nominated.

Ruling Elders Larry Spivey and Kitty Myers have been designated by the Session to serve, and three members at large are to be elected by the congregation. The 2014-15 Nominating Committee recommends Vikki Milton, Willie Mae Goold and Frankie Stewart.

The **Women's Annual Gathering** will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 31, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are already a member of a circle, please plan to join us. If you are not a member of a circle, this would be an awesome time to become familiar with the small group worship opportunities at FPC.

The Wildflowers are organizing a painting craft for us all to enjoy. We are also going to have supper. Ham will be provided by the Church. Circles are asked to contribute the following:

Circle 1: side dishes

Circle 2: salad/breads

Lunch bunch: side dishes/salads

Wildflowers: desserts

If you are not a part of a circle, feel free to choose your favorite dish or dessert and bring it.

Copies of the new **Our Daily Bread** for September, October and November are available on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.

This week in the life of the church . .

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Women's Gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday 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.
Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday Alzheimer's Caregivers Group at 10:30- a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday (6th) 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. Harry Horne
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lewis Bullard
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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