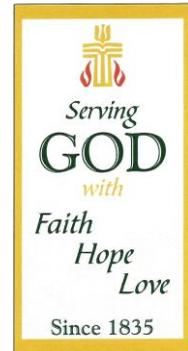


First Presbyterian Church Service of Worship

September 13, 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: Wisdom cries out in the streets:

People: Listen to my word and live.

Leader: Jesus calls out to the church:

People: Take up the cross and follow me.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
We protect what is dear to us
and neglect what is dear to you.
We preserve our own way of life
and profit at the expense of others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Show us the error of our ways,
and guide us back to your path
of righteousness, justice, and peace;
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 EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16
Pew Bible Pg#951**

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

***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**

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. 371**

“Lift High the Cross”

***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, Jim McGill. Jim’s parents were missionaries in the Congo, so he grew up in the Congo. He returned to Africa after college to work with Duke University on the East African Rift Lakes, using his ability to communicate between cultures gained through his upbringing. He met his wife Jodi there, and after marrying at his parent’s home in the Congo, they returned to the United States for his wife Jodi’s nursing studies. His parents then shifted to Malawi for their last three years of service with PC(USA), and upon completion of Jodi’s nursing degree, they joined them in Malawi. That was 1990, and they have worked there

ever since - Jodi working in Hospitals, at one time administrating the Synod's AIDS and Health programs and then teaching at the Synod's School of Nursing, and Jim working in Water and Sanitation. Along the way, they have adopted six children, Michael and Jason, twins who are now 18, Salome and Selina, their 14 year olds who are 3 weeks apart in age, and John and Joseph, also twins who are now 11.

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 Lou and Kathy Roberts and in memory of their parents Louis and Mildred Roberts and Jake and Bonnie Peacock and Emma Rossman.

Our Prayer Calendar: 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), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Harold and Tammy Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), Louise Pumphrey, Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, JoAnn Rountree,

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: Witnessing to the Truth *Acts 5:27-29,33-42*. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings beginning tomorrow, Monday, September 14. The Circles meet monthly. Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor with a salad luncheon to follow and Circle II at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

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 today, 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.

Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for the Administrative Personnel Association of the PCUSA's National Conference next week for Continuing Education.

She will be completing her third and final level of classes for Church Administrator Certifications.

The Church office will be closed beginning Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday, and will reopen on Monday, September 14. If there is an emergency, or you have any questions, you can e-mail Valerie at firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net. She will be checking her e-mails several times a day. The Ruling Elder for the month for September is Joe Busby, with Ellie Lawson assisting.

The Sr. Hi Youth Group's **Montreat Luncheon** is today immediately following worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the luncheons help fund the Annual Montreat Youth Conference trip to North Carolina each year.

This week in the life of the church

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Circle I at 10:30 a.m. with a salad luncheon to follow in the
In the Fellowship Hall.
Circle II at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor
- 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 Caregivers Group at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday (20th) 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. Bruce Chapman
Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher: Jim McGill

Ruling Elder: Joe Busby

Church Administrator: Valerie Marlow

Organist: Stanley Littleton

Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck

Nursery Assistants: Tina Wilson and Carlee Wilson

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