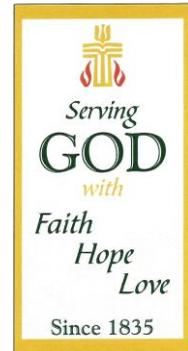


# First Presbyterian Church Service of Worship

September 27, 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: Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

**People: We belong to God.**

Leader: Our faith is in God’s name, the One who calls us here.

**People: We belong to God**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

**People: Blessed be the Lord!**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 483

**“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”**

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess we have not followed your way. You call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, and to use our different gifts. Instead of working to support one another, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your word, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of you, merciful God. Forgive our prideful ways and neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, seek your will, and use our gifts to glorify your name. Amen.**

## **\*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 GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 9: 38-50  
Pew Bible Pg#821-2**

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

## **ANTHEM**

**“I sing th' Almighty Power of God”**

**Text by Isaac Watts, 1715**

**Music by Austin C. Lovelace**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

## **SERMON**

**“Wrestling With Boundaries”**

**Ruling Elder Ben Powell**

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 403**

**“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”**

**\*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. 210**

**“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”**

### **\*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**

Our Guest Preacher this morning is **Ruling Elder Ben Powell**. Ben was born and reared in Texas and after graduating college he moved to Quincy, Florida in 1974. For the past 30 years he has owned a private forestry firm and his company serves local private landowners and large investment entities throughout the eastern half of the US. He is married, and he and Kathy have three grown children. Ben is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Quincy where he has served as Deacon, Adult and Sr. High

Sunday School teacher, and currently serves as Ruling Elder on the Session. He is past Chairperson of the joint committees at Dogwood Acres, and currently serves as Chairperson of the Operations Committee. Since 2012 he has served the Presbytery as Pulpit Supply. Ben enjoys the out-of-doors, spending time with his family and reading. His favorite authors are, C. S. Lewis, Shirley Guthrie and John Calvin.

**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 and in loving memory of Julia E and Charles R Garraway and Charlene Garraway, by Meg Garraway Brown, Julia E. "Beth" Garraway and Catherine Garraway Crossley.

**Our Prayer Calendar:** Destry Burch and Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Abby Reed (requested by Mary Wierman), George McMullin (requested by Nancy McMullin), Deanna Barber Wood (requested by Melissa Krebeck), 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, 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: Remembering God's Faithfulness *Acts 7:2-4,8-10,17,33-34,45-47,53*  
Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in the worship service.

**The Youth group will be having a parent meeting this evening** at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is mandatory for all youth planning to go to Montreat in June of 2016, and please bring at least 1 parent. We will be signing covenants and planning this year's fundraisers and luncheons. It's very important for everyone involved to attend.  
If there are any questions please feel free to call Beth Beasley (850)573-3041 or Tina Wilson (850)693-5014.

### **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 at 5:30 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.  
Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Newsletter collated at 1:00 p.m.  
Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.  
Sunday (4th) 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.  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Askew  
Youth Group at 6:00 p.m.

**Guest Preacher: Ruling Elder Ben Powell**  
**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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