

**First Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday, November 29, 2015
at 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. 9 (*Choir and Congregation*) Verse 1

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:
THE CANDLE OF HOPE!**

Leaders: Tina Bigale and Carlee Wilson

Family: We light this candle in hope. Hear God’s promise of hope
from Isaiah 2:2-4.

Let us pray ...

Congregation in Unison: Faithful God, out of war’s chaos, you
bring the order of peace. Renew us
in hope, that we may work toward
Christ’s advent of peace among all
nations. God of promise, God of
hope, into our darkness come.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we
may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT UNISON READING

**Psalm 25:1-10
Pew Bible Page # 436**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Pew Bible Page # 645

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 21:25-36
Pew Bible Page # 856

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

ANTHEM

“Light One Candle”
Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth

**Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to everyone.
He comes. He comes.**

**Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to ev’ry heart.
He comes. He comes.**

**Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy.
Every nation shall find salvation
In Bethl’em’s baby boy.**

**Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love.
He brings love to ev’ry heart.
He comes. He comes.**

SERMON

“En Garde!”

Rev. Dr. Bruce Chapman

*** HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 5**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*** 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.**

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE ...

*** HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 20**

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION No. 8** **Verses 1 & 3**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***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.

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 today are given to the Glory of God by Joy Hinton in honor of the search committee.

Our Prayer Calendar: Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson), Destry Burch and Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Abby Reed (requested by Mary Wierman), George McMullin (requested by Nancy McMullin, 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, Janice Smith (requested by Hazel Nelson).

Please remember the Brendemuehl family in your prayers. Ray Brendemuehl passed away November 22 at home. Ray served as the Clerk of Session for this church for 25 years. There will be no services.

Every Sunday morning there is an **Education Hour** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There are two classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying The Lord's Day, Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-16.

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the lectionary scriptures.

The Marine Corp's **Toys for Tots** box is in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. The mission of the program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community." The stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens." The box will be picked up on December 3 for distribution.

The **World Mission offering** is collected in the months that have a fifth Sunday. Today is a fifth Sunday month. There are envelopes in the pew rack for your use.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary at Christmas will be available for purchase from the church office at a cost of \$12.95 per plant. There is a limit of 22 that may be displayed. Please contact Kathleen Evans in the church office to place your order by December 11.

This week in the life of the church . .

Today	World Mission Offering
Monday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
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. Choir Practice at 5:00 p.m. Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall
Friday	Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
Sunday	Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Education Hour at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry Offering Bridal Shower honoring Hayden Creel, bride-elect of Joshua Blighton 2:00-3:30 in the fellowship hall

Ruling Elder of the Month: Scott Yant
Church Administrator: Kathleen Evans
Organist: Stanley Littleton
Custodian: Becky Strickland
Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck
Nursery Assistants: Tina Bigale and Carlee Wilson

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