

**Service of Worship for
The First Sunday after
Christmas
Sunday, December 27, 2015
at 11 a.m.**



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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 FOR CHOIR
AND CONGREGATION #44**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem ”

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Savior, we confess
that we fail to live in your light.
You reveal your saving love,
but we hide your love from others.**

**You claim us as your children,
but we do not claim you as our God.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let your will be done in our lives
so that we may live in peace
according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*** PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE #579**

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 age 5 and under are excused to go downstairs after our Children's Time)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Isaiah 9:6 - 7
Pew Bible Page 555**

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

ANTHEM

The Gift

Text and Music arr. By
Gene Grier and Lowell Everson

What gift shall we bring to the Child at Christmas time?
What gift shall we bring to the Child today?
Shall we bring him treasures of myrrh and frankincense,
gold for a babe new-born?
Gifts to proclaim him King of Kings forever
on this blessed morning of his holy birth.
What gift shall we bring to the Child at Christmas time?
A gift to bring peace on earth.

Bring a gift that is simple, bring a gift that is free,
bring a gift that keeps love where it ought to be.
And when he feels your gift of a love so warm,
he'll sleep in his cradle safe from harm.
Simple gifts to love him, praise his name forever,
on this happy morning celebrate his birth.
Bring a gift of love, good will to all mankind;
A gift that brings peace on earth.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:21
Pew Bible Page 833

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

SERMON

“Mary Did You Know?”

Rev. Michael Askew

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD...

*** HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #53**

“What Child is This?”

***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 (unison)

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.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592**

“The 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 # 40**

“Joy to the World”

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION #28, verse 3**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Note: An “*” invites all who can do so comfortably to please 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.

Poinsettias gracing the sanctuary this morning and are given to the Glory of God.

Our Prayer Calendar: Allison Hand Travis(requested by family), Ned Grove(requested by family), Joanne Wynn(requested by family), J R Gortemoller (requested by family), Elizabeth Littleton Walker (requested by Stanley Littleton), Dr. Steve Stafford (requested by Barry Stafford), Janice Smith (requested by Hazel Nelson), 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.

Every Sunday morning there are **Education Classes** for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There are two classes for Adults. Next Sunday the Adults in the parlor will be studying: A Bride Worth Waiting For, Genesis 29:15 – 30. Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts.

The **2016 Stewardship campaign** is currently ongoing and your continued giving of financial support, time, and talents make the Missions of First Presbyterian Church possible.

Please remember that all contributions that you want recorded for the year 2015 must be dated **December 31, 2015** and either brought to the church, or be postmarked by December 31. You may drop an envelope through the mail slot in the front door of the office. If you have not yet turned in a commitment or

time and talents form, they are available on the table outside the fellowship hall or from the office, or you can access the online form by texting *online form* to LuAnne Law @ 557-7425.

The Church office will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday January 1st.

This week in the life of the church . .

Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Choir Practice at 4:00

Thursday New Year's Eve - Office Closed

Friday New Year's Day - Office Closed
Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Coffee and Juice at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall
Sunday School for all Ages at 9:45 a.m
Choir Practice at 10:00
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Ruling Elder of the Month: LuAnne Law
Ruling Elder for January – Susie Barber
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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