

**A Celebration of Holy Communion
the Second Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, January 3, 2016
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 – Choir and Congregation #322

“Spirit of the Living God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

**People: and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

Leader: Now the fullness of time has come;

**People: And the Word became flesh to
dwell among us**

Leader: Let us worship God

***HYMN OF PRAISE #507**

Dove of Peace

“I Come with Joy”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Savior, we confess
that we are not people of peace.
You call us home from our exile,
yet we remain wandering and lost.
You came to dwell among us,
yet we refuse to welcome you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Gather us up in your arms
and hold us close, as your own,
so that we may live to praise you;
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”

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 LESSON

Psalm 32:1 - 5

Pew Bible Page #440

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

ANTHEM

What Feast of Love
Text: Delores Duffner
Music: 16th cent. English ballad

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What life of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 22:34 - 40

Pew Bible Page #804

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

SERMON

“The Dog Sermon”

Rev. James Stansbury

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #510**

Quebec

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

***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 #592**

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please hold the elements until all have been served)

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

*** HYMN OF PROCLAMATION #514**

Linstead

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION #540**

vs. 1 & 4

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Randolph

***POSTLUDE**

Note: An “*” invites 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.

Everyone who seeks to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share in the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** with us. According to the tradition of this congregation, we will hold the bread and the cup in order that we might eat and drink together when we are invited to do so. You are encouraged to hold the bread with the napkin provided as you break off your piece.

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’.

Our Prayer Calendar: Slade McNeill (requested by Ernie McNeill), 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), 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), 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, January 10th, the Adults in the parlor will be studying: The Most Beautiful Bride, Song of Solomon 6:4 – 12.

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

Elder Ordination and Installation for the Class of 2018 will be January 10th during the Worship Service.

This week in the life of the church . .

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| Monday | Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor.
Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall |
| Tuesday | Bagging for the Food Pantry at 1:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Epiphany
Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Wild Wonderful Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:15 in the
Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Alzheimer's Support Group - 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall |
| Friday | Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m. |
| Sunday – 10 th | Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
Educational Classes for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m. |

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