

**First Presbyterian Church
The Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016
at 11:00 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 #84

Verse 1

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us come before God with both humility and boldness—
humility because we have fallen far short of what was expected of us,
and boldness because God has invited us to come in the name of his Son
and has sacrificed himself on our behalf

***HYMN OF PRAISE #356**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Just when we think we are walking steady, we waver.
Just when we begin to feel confident, we realize how vulnerable we are.
Just when we begin to feel superior to someone else, we are humbled.
Just when we begin to feel self-reliant, we realize how dependent we are.
Forgive us, Lord, for our overconfidence,
and teach us to find our strength in you.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

***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 ages 5 and under are excused to go downstairs following our Children's Time.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1 - 9
Pew Bible Page #848

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

ANTHEM **“God is My Strong Salvation”**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

I Corinthians 10:1 - 13
Pew Bible Page #931-932

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

MESSAGE **“God Is Faithful”** **Rev. John Wamsley**

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION # 298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

***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.

Please be seated.

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”

**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 # 403**

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus”

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION # 333**

“Seek Ye First”

***POSTLUDE**

Note: An ‘*’ invites all who can do so comfortably, will stand.

Organist – Please welcome Christine Yoshikawa, who is playing the organ in the absence of Stanley Littleton.

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 in 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.

The flowers gracing our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Don and Charlotte Hunter in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

Our Prayer Calendar: Brandon Stewart (requested by family), (Mike Evans (requested by family), Louise Pumphrey (requested by family), Gail Stearn, Guy Green’s sister, (requested by family), Allison Hand Travis (requested by family), Ned Grove (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, March 6th, the Adults in the parlor will be studying: ‘Powerful Faith’, Mark 9:14 – 29. Upstairs, the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the Lectionary Scriptures.

PLAYGROUND WORK DAY, Saturday, March 5th

We will have a new pile of mulch that needs to be spread on the playground before Easter. Joe Busby will be coordinating the event and he will need you to bring wheel barrows, rakes, gloves, etc. Please call Joe on his cell phone 850-209-1313 to let him know that you can help.

The **Lenten Luncheon** series will continue each Tuesday at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. John Wamsley, our new Pastor will be leading the luncheons with the **theme based on the scripture 2 Chronicles 7:14.**

Luncheons will be prepared and served by the Presbyterian Women's Circles, except for March 22nd, which will be the Presbyterian Men's Luncheon Day.

Host/Hostess	Message
March 1 – Wild Flowers	Turn Toward God in Prayer
March 8 – MHS Culinary Dept	Turn Toward God's Word
March 15 – Lunch Bunch	Turn Toward God in Repentance
March 22 - Men of the Church	Turn Our Hearts Toward God

Everyone is invited to come and also invite your friends and neighbors.

Food Pantry News:

Tuesday, March 1st

Baggers will meet at 3:30

Volunteers: Amy Norville, Bill Boyenton and Lee Shook

Wednesday, March 2nd

Volunteers: Mary Wierman, Bud Wierman, Ginny Busby, Murial Turner, and Roy Turner

During the month of January our food pantry served **478** families.

If you would like to volunteer as a worker with the Food Pantry, please contact Susie Barber at Ph 850-209-1403 or e-mail susie@gmail.com.

This Week in the Life of the Church

- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall
Bagging for the Food Pantry at 3:30 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 in the
Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday (March 6) Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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