

**First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
March 27, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Peter ran to the tomb and was amazed.

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: God raised Christ from the dead on the third day

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of creation, restoration, and resurrection,
forgive us if we have failed to live up to the glory of Easter:
if we have disregarded the new life within us,
if we have allowed sadness to blind us to the hope of resurrection,
if we have lived in defeat rather than victory,
if we have been lethargic in the face of new challenges.
Pardon us, Lord, and help us to live up to the true meaning of this day.

***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.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18
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The Response: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Text by Isaac Watts
Arranged by Gilbert Martin

SERMON

Rev. John Wamsley

“The Grave Robber”

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 355**

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he has raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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**

Lasst Uns Erfruen

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.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION No. 108**

“Christ Is Alive!”

***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**

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.

The flowers gracing our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by John and Alma Milton in memory of the Wandeck Family, and my Sister, Joanne Wynn.

Our Prayer Calendar: Tom Abney (requested by Jackie Spivey), Rev. Don Harris (requested by John Milton V), Daniel Bilik (requested by Fran McNeill), Brandon Stewart (requested by family), Louise Pumphrey (requested by family), Gail Stearn, Guy Green's sister,(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), 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.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be taken on Easter Sunday, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Food Pantry News:

Tuesday, March 29th

Baggers will meet at 3:30

Volunteers: Amy Norville, Susie Barber, and Lee Shook

Wednesday, March 30th

Volunteers: Sharon Bigale, Bev Kilmer, Cecil Powell, Ernest McNeill, and Adrian Alvarez

During the month of February our food pantry served **407** 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 . .

- Today **CHRIST IS RISEN!**
Coffee, Juice and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.
Special Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, Flower the Cross, All-Church photo
Worship at 11:00 a.m.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- Monday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday Bagging for the Food Pantry at 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Food Pantry open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday NA Group at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.
- Sunday 4/03 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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