

**First Presbyterian Church  
Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 3, 2016  
11:00 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 No. 230**

**Verse 1**

**“This is the Day the Lord Hath Made”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The peace of God is with us.

**People: Christ Jesus stands among us.**

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit

**People: we have seen the risen Lord.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 118**

**“The Day of Resurrection!”**

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess, Lord, that we are often poor witnesses to your saving power. Our tongues are sometimes silent when they ought to speak up, our words are sometimes harsh when they ought to be kind, and our lives often fail to exhibit the power of the risen Lord. Pardon us, we pray, and help us to remember daily that as professing Christians we represent not only ourselves but you.**

**\*TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

***Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love; Our God is an awesome God (twice)***

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***OFFERTORY***

**\*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

***Doxology***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator,  
Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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: 19-31**

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

**MESSAGE**

**"The Aim of the Gospel"**

**Rev. John Wamsley**

**HYMN SING**

**THIS MORNING we will be singing favorite hymns! Some have already submitted their favorite, but we will also take suggestions from the congregation. Stanley Littleton will help decide which and how many verses of each song.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

Leader: We believe that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

**People: We believe that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, with sighs too deep for words.**

Leader: We believe that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

**People: We believe that if God is with us, no one can be against us, and if God justifies us, no one can condemn us.**

Leader: We believe that no one can separate us from the love of Christ.

**People: Not hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword.**

Leader: In all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**People: For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**\*HYMN NO. 322           “Spirit of the Living God”**

**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**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION**

## “SANCTUARY”

Oh Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.

It is you, Lord, who came to save  
The heart and soul, Of every man  
It is you Lord, Who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength, With thine own hand.

### **\*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 (850-526-2430).

**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 Betty Pettis, in memory of her daughter, Andria, and in honor of her granddaughter, Stephanie, and great granddaughter, Madison (who share an April 4<sup>th</sup> birthday). All connected by life and an appreciation of the color pink.

**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.

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.

The Youth will be hosting a **YARDSALE** on Saturday, April 9th at the Church from 7:00 a.m. - Noon. Please come support our youth group. It is not too late to contribute items or arrange to have them picked up. The proceeds are for those going to Montreat and to support our missionaries, Jim and Jodi McGill. Please help encourage the future of our youth in the Presbyterian community. Thank you, we greatly appreciate all you do.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing offering** will be received again today. Your gift serves ministries that provide food and safe water to people in need, hope to those overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and resources to disadvantaged and oppressed communities striving to better their lives.

Our **Sincere Sympathy** is extended to Betty Jo Hatcher and family in the loss of her cousin, Erma Gwendolyn Medlock. Any expressions of sympathy or donations may be made to the Church Choir Fund.

## **Food Pantry News:**

Tuesday, April 5th

Baggers will meet at 3:30

Volunteers: Amy Norville, Bill Boyenton, and Jack Hockensmith

Wednesday, April 6th

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

During the month of March our food pantry served 451 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](mailto:susie@gmail.com)

### **This week in the life of the church . .**

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| <b>Today</b>               | One Great Hour of Sharing Offering   |
| Monday                     | Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.   |
| Tuesday                    | Bagging for the Food Pantry at 3:30 p.m.   |
| Wednesday                  | Food Pantry from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.<br>Wild Wonderful Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. to<br>5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship hall.<br>Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m.<br>Men's Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall |
| Thursday                   | Alzheimer's Support Group at 10:30 a.m.<br>NA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.   |
| Friday                     | Ladies Exercise Class at 9 a.m.  |
| Saturday                   | <b>MONTREAT YARDSALE</b> – 7:00 - Noon<br>What Presbyterians Believe Class 9:00 a.m. - 12:00<br>in the Parlor<br>Game Night 6:00p.m.   |
| Sunday (10 <sup>th</sup> ) | Mission & Service Committee at 8:45 a.m.<br>Coffee and Juice at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship hall<br>Educational Classes for all Ages at 9:45 a.m.<br>Choir Practice at 10:00a.m.<br>Worship at 11:00 a.m.    |

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**Pantry Coordinator: Melissa Krebeck**  
**Nursery Assistants: Tina Bigale and Carlee Wilson**

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