

**First Presbyterian Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 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 #126 vs 1

St. Agnes

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

**Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength;

People: seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

People: his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

Leader: He is mindful of his covenant forever,

**People: of the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations.**

“I come with Joy”

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**It’s not always easy, Lord, to be at peace when there is so much to worry about.
We are uncertain about the future,
we are disturbed by the violence and unrest of our world,
we are concerned about members of our family,
we are uncertain about the state of our health,
we are worried about our finances,
and sometimes we simply wade around in dark thoughts.
Heal our souls, we pray, calm our minds,
and extend to us the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION IN SILENCE**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE #304**

“Jesus Loves Me”

**Vs 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
 Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Vs 2 Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
 Taking children on His knee, Saying, “Let them come to Me.”**

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 67
Pew Bible Page #460

ANTHEM “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**Vs. 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Vs. 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.**

**Vs. 3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23 - 29
Pew Bible Page #877

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

MESSAGE “The Peace of Jesus”

Rev. John Wamsley

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION # 368**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

(Page 14 - The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #428 vs 1 & 5**

Schumann

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord. We do it unto Thee.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

TO GO OUT AND SERVE

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION #439**

St. Peter

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

***THE BENEDICTION AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

***THE RESPONSE FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION # 322**

Living God

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

***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 in the offering plate, talk to the ushers or call the church office, 850-526-2430.

WORKDAY AT FPC, SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

Our Church Sanctuary is 91 years old, and our Fellowship Hall is 66 years old. They need some help, so please mark this date on your calendar and plan to help keep our Church Sanctuary and buildings in the best shape possible. (8:00 a.m. til...)

Our Prayer Calendar: Paige Lawson (requested by family), Frankie Stewart, Guy Green (requested by family), Janie Pulliam (requested by family), Melanie Turner McCroan (requested by family), 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), 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.

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 Jake Gunter in memory of Ann Gunter and Wilma McWaters.

Food Pantry News:

Tuesday, May 3rd

Baggers will meet at 3:30

Volunteers: Bill Boyenton, Jack Hockensmith, and **NEED 1 MORE**

Wednesday, May 4th

Volunteers: Sharon & Buddy Bannerman, Sharon Bigale, Adrian Alvarez, and Mary Gorbett

During the month of April our food pantry served **475** 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 barber.susie@gmail.com**

This Week in the Life of the Church

- Today** Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Monday** Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
Circle I Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor
with a Salad Luncheon following the meeting.
Circle II Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday** Bagging for the Food Pantry at 3:30 p.m.
Autism Support Group at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 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.
Wildflowers- 6:30 pm at home of Merian Milton
- Thursday** Alzheimers Caregivers Group at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
NA Group at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- Friday** Ladies Exercise Class at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday (May 7th)** 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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