

**To Our Guests:** We are happy to have you worship with us to today. We invite you 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 at 850-2430.  
www.firstpresmarianna.org

**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 Barry and Jennifer Stafford in celebration of ‘Rally Day’ and in honor of Sunday School and all the faithful servants of FPC who make it a success.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

**Today, August 21st RALLY DAY**  
**9:00 – 10:45 Everyone gather in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and program**  
10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. – Worship  
4:00 p.m. – Parent/Youth Meeting  
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**Monday, August 22nd**  
9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Class

**Tuesday, August 23rd**  
3:30 p.m.- Food Pantry Bagging

**Wednesday, August 24th**  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. –Food Pantry  
3:30 – 5:15 Wild Wonderful Wednesday  
6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Bible Study

**Thursday, August 25th**  
7:00 p.m. – NA Meeting

**Friday, August 26th**  
9:00 a.m.-Ladies Exercise Class

**Sunday, August 28th**  
9:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. -- Worship  
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**First Presbyterian Prays for: (new requests in bold!)**

- Jim Drew**
- Savannah McCroan Merrifield
- Shelley Fite (requested by Donna Moore, aunt)
- Joy Hinton (requested by family)
- Suzanne Payne (requested by family)
- Bobbie Harris (requested by Kathy Roberts)
- Charlotte Hunter (requested by family)
- Jane Powell
- Sybil Schmidt King (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
- Melanie Turner McCroan (requested by family)
- Shelby Kandle (requested by family)
- Gina Stuart (requested by family)
- Louise Pumphrey (requested by family)
- Gail Stearn Guy Green’s Sister (requested by family)
- J. R, Gortemoller (requested by family)
- Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson)
- Destry Burch (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
- Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
- Bob and Michael Ward (requested by Mary Wierman)
- Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson)
- Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis)
- Frankie Stewart
- Daun Crews

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***Please Notice that the Wild Wonderful Wednesdays will be kicking off this new school year THIS Wednesday!***  
***The format will be quite similar to last year: gather after school, recreation, snacks, arts and crafts, Bible Lesson.***  
***We will occasionally have a service project – “doing for others”. Staff leaders this year include: Aggie Schack, Ashley Green Rackley, Pastor John, and Linda Wamsley.***

***This Afternoon: All parents of and 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders are strongly encouraged to attend a Parents Meeting with Merian Milton and Tina Bigale to look at hopes and plans for our middle school – high school – and college ministry. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4 pm***

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# Celebration of Worship

August 21, 2016

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

## Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Sharing of Community Life

Hymn of Preparation "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#150, vs 3 Blue Hymnal

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forever more, Alleluia! Amen!

Opening Prayer (**In unison**)

We open our bodies to your healing.  
We open our hearts to your love.  
We open our minds to your word.  
We yield our intentions to your will.

\*Hymn of Praise "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Page #487, Blue Hymnal

\*Prayer of Confession

Leader: From the pride that keeps us from apologizing,  
PEOPLE: LORD GOD, DELIVER US.  
Leader: From the narrowness that closes our eyes to the  
full truth,  
PEOPLE: LORD GOD, DELIVER US.  
Leader: From the fear that keeps us from venturing  
forth in faith,  
PEOPLE: LORD GOD, DELIVER US.  
Leader: From the selfishness that keeps us from serving,  
PEOPLE: LORD GOD, DELIVER US.

\*A time for Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness Psalm 34:4-5

Friends believe the Good News (The Gospel)  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\**Gloria Patri* Page 579, Blue

*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.*

## Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Philipians 2:1 - 11  
Pew Bible Page #954

Choral Anthem:

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:28 - 30  
Pew Bible Page #792

Message John T Wamsley  
"The Fruit of the Spirit is Gentleness"

Affirmation of Faith (**In unison**)

The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.  
The Christian fellowship was not a society of  
perfect people.  
The struggle between the old way of life and the  
new was severe.  
Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus  
love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle  
against evil.

We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever  
believers grow toward maturity in Christ.  
As long as we live we struggle with sin, but  
the Spirit's presence assures us God will  
complete what he has begun in us.

\*Hymn "I Love To Tell the Story"  
(See insert)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
(debts and debtors)

Offertory

\*Congregational Response & Prayer of Dedication

"For the Beauty of the earth" Page #473, vs3,  
Blue Hymnal

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

## Go - In God's Name

\*Hymn "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"  
Page #419, Blue Hymnal

\*Benediction and Congregational Response

"Take My Life" Page #391, vs 3 Blue Hymnal

Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

\*Postlude

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**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**\*\* Please silence cell phones.**