

To Our Guests: 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 at 850-526-2430. www.firstpresmarianna.org

Nursery Care is available for children Kindergarten and below during our Worship Service each Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Today, November 27th 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – 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 Service
 No Youth Meeting tonight

Monday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Class
 5:30 p.m. – Evangelism & Fellowship Meet

Tuesday, November 29th

3:30 p.m.- Food Pantry Bagging
 5:30 p.m. – Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 30th

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. –Food Pantry
 6:00 p.m. – Covered Dish Dinner & Part 1 of Christmas Bible Study

Thursday, December 1st

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Friday, December 2nd

9:00 a.m.-Ladies Exercise Class

Saturday, December 3rd

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast @Waffle Iron

Sunday, December 4th

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 – Coffee, Juice and Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. – Worship

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 *The adult Bible Study will begin a 3 part Christmas Bible study on "The Purpose of Christmas", at 6:00 p.m. Nov. 30th. We will have a Covered Dish Dinner as we study Part 1 of the Bible study.
 * December 7th at 6:00 p.m., Pizza & Part 2 of the Bible study
 * December 14th following the Children's Christmas Pageant, Part 3 of the Bible study.

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

Joyce Ward (requested by Beth Westmoreland)

Barry Stafford
 Mary Bevis Schmidt,
 Julie Stadskev
 Louise Pumphrey
 Linda Bevis, (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt),
 Kathy Roberts,
 Louise Daffin,
 Gil Lowe,
 Emmy Lou Brown Granger, (requested by Beverly Hinson)
 Matt Goold, (requested by family)
 Jackie Spivey,
 Don Morris,

Savannah McCroan Merrifield

Shelley Fite (requested by Donna Moore, aunt)
 Suzanne Payne in nursing home
 Bobbie Harris (requested by Kathy Roberts)
 Sybil Schmidt King (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
 Melanie Turner McCroan
 Shelby Kandle (requested by family)
 Gina Stuart
 Gail Stearn (Guy Green's Sister)
 Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson)
 Destry Burch (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
 Bob Ward (requested by Mary Wierman)
 Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson)
 Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis)

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IT'S BELL RINGING TIME AGAIN!

Our Church will have the opportunity to ring the Salvation Army Bell on Tuesday, December 6th at Winn Dixie from 10:00 – 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hallway.

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Wild Wonderful Wednesday - Our children are now spending time with Larrian Bedini and Amanda Hinson preparing for our Christmas Pageant which will be on December 14th

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

During the Advent Season, Poinsettias will be gracing the sanctuary to the Glory of God and the Coming of the Christ Child. Poinsettias are still available for purchase (\$12.95 each) should you want to give as a memorial, or in honor of a loved one. The names of those donating the flowers will be listed in the bulletin. You may drop your check and information in the offering plate, or drop by the office no later than December 11th.

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Celebration of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Sharing of Community Life

The First Sunday of Advent: **Hope**

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

People: Our hope is in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

Aggie Schack: We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light He has brought into the world.

Light the First Candle

ALL: Let us pray:

O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us – we pray you send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you – both now – and forevermore. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Page #2, Hymnal

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

O God of all knowledge, in whom there is no darkness and before whom there are no secrets, we appear before you with souls fully exposed. Bring to light anything in us that is unworthy, and call us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

***A time for Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Response of Praise and Gratitude**

"Gloria"
(Chorus)
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5
Pew Bible, Page #550

Choral Anthem

Page #9, hymnal

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
By: Natalie Sleeth

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 16:13 - 20
Pew Bible, Page #798

Message "Who Do You Say That I Am?" John T. Wamsley

***Statement of Christian Beliefs (In Unison)**

God sent the promised Deliverer to His people.
Jesus, the long expected Savior,
Came into the world as a child,
Descended from David,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of Mary, a virgin.
He lived as a Jew among Jews,
He announced to His people, the coming of
God's Kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

***Hymn** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Page #20,
Hymnal

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

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Page #9, Hymnal

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And Ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Go - In God's Name

***Hymn** "Prepare the Way"

Page #13, Hymnal

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

"Seek Ye First"

Page #333, Hymnal

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!

*Postlude

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

****Please silence cell phones.**