

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, December 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion

- 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
- 3:45 p.m. – Youth gather to go the Newsboys Concert
Leave at 4 for Panama City.

Monday, December 5th

- 9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Circle 1 Meeting at Alma Milton's Home
- 4:00 a.m. – Circle 11
- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th

- 10 – 5 Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army (Winn Dixie)**
- 3:30 p.m.- Food Pantry Bagging

Wednesday, December 7th

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. –Food Pantry
- 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. WWW w/ Pageant Practice
- 6:00 p.m. – Pizza/purpose & Part 2 Bible Study

Thursday, December 8th

- 5:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Friday, December 9th

- 9:00 a.m.-Ladies Exercise Class

Saturday, December 10th

- 10:00 a.m. – Wildflower's Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 11th

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 – Coffee, Juice and Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Meeting
- 8:45 a.m. – Mission & Service Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. – Worship
- Noon – Pageant Practice- Lunch provided
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

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First Presbyterian Church extends **Sincere Sympathies** and prayers to the family and friends of Nancy McMullin in the recent death of her brother, George McMullin. He was the oldest of eight children, and passed away on November 27th, peacefully in his sleep. A memorial service will be announced at a later date in Massachusetts.

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

- Joyce Ward (requested by Beth Westmoreland)
- Mary Bevis Schmidt,
- Julie Stadskev
- Louise Pumphrey
- Linda Bevis, (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt),
- Louise Daffin,
- Gil Lowe,
- Emmy Lou Brown Granger, (requested by Beverly Hinson)
- Matt Goold, (requested by family)
- 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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"How Great Our Joy!"

Christmas Cantata

Presented by

First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church

December 18, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Wesley Center, First United Methodist Church

Reception Following

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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 at 6:00 p.m., followed by Pizza and Bible Study. They will stay all afternoon on the 14th.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

During 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.

First
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Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Sharing of Community Life

The Second Sunday of Advent: **Peace**

Nancy McMullin: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Peace.

People: Our peace is found in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

Xylpha Schwehm: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

(Light the First and Second Candles)

ALL: Let us pray:

O God of Peace, Emmanuel, 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 appearing. Work in our hearts at this time and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings - the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Page #9, 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 11:1-10

Pew Bible, Page #558

Choral Anthem

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords in human vesture
In the body stood, Lord of Lords
in human vesture in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own Self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with cease-less voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 2:8 - 20

Pew Bible, Page #833

Message "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 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** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Page #31, Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Give Thanks To God

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Service of the Holy Communion

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

Go - In God's Name

***Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" Page #423, Hymnal

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

"Seek Ye First"

Page #333, Hymnal

*Postlude

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

****Please silence cell phones.**