

# Celebration of Worship

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*Gather - Assemble in God's Name*

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### Prelude

### The Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Sharing of Community Life

### Call To Worship (In Unison)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People:** slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: Our faith depends upon the grace of God.

**People:** Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

Leader: Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn of Praise

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Page #488, Hymnal

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

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

### \*A Time for Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends: Believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \*The Response of Praise and Gratitude

### *Gloria Patri*

Page #579, Hymnal

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.

A-men, A-men.

### Grow - Proclaim God's Word

### Children's Message

### Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 121

Pew Bible, Page #498

### Choral Anthem

### “There's a Wideness In God's Mercy”

By Frederick William Faber

Arranged by Schweizer

### Gospel Lesson

John 3:1 - 17

Pew Bible, Page #863

**The Response:** Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Message

Rev. John T. Wamsley

“Rejected By The People”

### Affirmation of Faith

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; he descended in to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*Song of Response

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Page 282, Hymnal

### Offertory

### \*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

### Go – In God's Name

\*Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Page #383, Hymnal

### \*Benediction and Congregational Response

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Page #540, Hymnal

(vs 1) God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

(vs 4) God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

\* Postlude

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\* Please silence cell phones.

**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 Ph 850-526-2430, or [www.firstpresmarianna.org](http://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 Albert & Kathy Milton in loving memory of our parents, Bob and Lucille Milton, and Althea and H. C. Stevens.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

#### **Today, March 12th Daylight Savings Time begins!**

- 8:45 a.m. – Mission & Service Committee Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Juice Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. – Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. – Montreat Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting-Grace PC

#### **Monday, March 13th**

- 9:00 a.m. – Ladies Exercise Class
- 6:00 p.m. – Good News Women
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

#### **Tuesday, March 14th**

- 12:00 p.m. – Lenten Luncheon hosted by the Wildflowers
- 3:30 p.m. – Food Pantry Bagging

#### **Wednesday, March 15th**

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Food Pantry
- 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Wild Wonderful Wednesday
- 4:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. – God's Warriors at Milton Farm

#### **Thursday, March 16th**

- 4:00 p.m. – Administrative Committee Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. – Alzheimer's Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir – Every Week**

#### **Friday, March 17th**

- 9:00 a.m. – Ladies Exercise Class

#### **Saturday, March 18th**

#### **Sunday, March 19th – Food Pantry Offering**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Juice Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. – Worship
- 12:15 p.m. – Worship & Music Committee

### First Presbyterian Church Prays for:

(new requests in bold!)

**Jennifer Glass** (requested by Barbara Mears)

**Kim Love** (requested by Joan Stadskev)

**Linda Sue Bevis** (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt)

**Destry Burch** (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt)

**Louise Pumphrey**

Macky Gortemoller

Joy Hiott (Hanni Daffin's granddaughter)

Doris Irwin

Ronnie Heath- Heart Transplant, Nephew of Larry & Jackie Spivey

Frankie Stewart

Beth Westmoreland

Gina Stuart

Dustin Reidesel (requested by Betty Joyce Hand)

Louise Daffin,

Gil Lowe,

Matt Goold, (requested by family)

Bobbie Harris (requested by Kathy Roberts)

Sybil Schmidt King (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)

Melanie Turner McCroan

Shelby Kandle (requested by family)

Gail Stearn (Guy Green's Sister)

Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson)

Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson)

Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis)

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#### The Lenten Luncheon Schedule is as follows: (Thanks to Ginger Green)

March 14 Wildflowers : Menu –Soup, Sandwiches, Salad and Dessert

21 Circle I

28 Circle II

April 4 Good News Women,

April 11 God's Warriors (yes, the men!)

Pastor John has decided to do the short messages on

T.U.L.I.P. – the five disputed points of Calvinism.

He will present this in language we in the pews can understand.

These are basic truths of the Reformed faith made believable (biblical)

and captivating (interesting and helpful).

The Men's Fellowship, "God's Warriors" are meeting this Wednesday,

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.. Matt Milton and Justin Lyons will be hosting

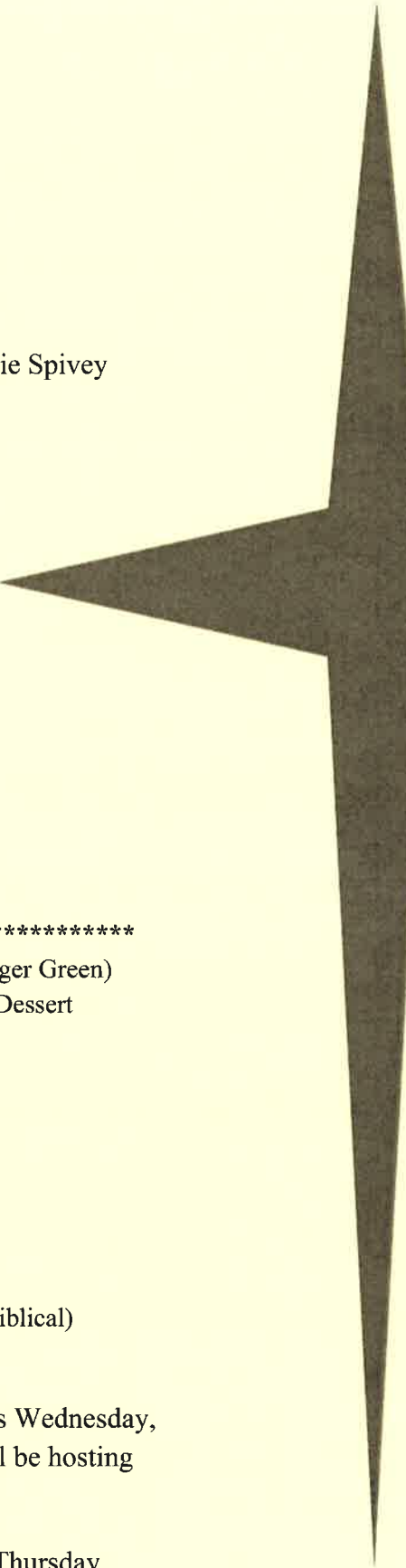
the fellowship at the Milton Farm.

HANDBELLS: The new Handbell Choir began meeting Thursday,

March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will continue to meet **every Thursday at**

**6:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in playing handbells, please contact Betty

Blighton at [bblighton@Hotmail.com](mailto:bblighton@Hotmail.com) or by phone 850-482-4661.



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