

**Celebration of Worship**  
**July 29, 2018**

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***Gather – Assemble in God’s Name***

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**Prelude**

Please silence phones.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcoming and Sharing of Community Life**

**Call to Worship**

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Many: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

One: For to us a child has been born, to us a son is given.

Many: **Authority rests upon this one, whose name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**#41**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

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

God of grace and truth,

In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive us, illumine us, restore our sight, that we might see you and trust you anew.

**\*A Time for Silent Confession**

**\*The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Response of Praise and Gratitude**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Moment for Mission      Mission and Service Comm.**

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***Grow – Proclaim God’s Word***

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**Children’s Message**

**Old Testament Scripture Lesson:**

Isaiah 9:2-7

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**Choral Anthem: “Love Has Come”**

Text: Ken Bible

Music: French Melody

Arr: Eric T. Myers

**New Testament Scripture Lesson:**

Titus 2:11-14

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**Message: “The Purpose of Christmas”**

John T. Wamsley

**Affirmation of Faith (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.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman

as is every child

yet born of God’s power

as was no other child. (cont.)

Through His birth, life, death and resurrection He brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

**\*Song of Response:**

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

**#31**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

(debts and debtors)

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*The Offertory Response:**

All creation, join in praising

God the father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising

To the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ the newborn King!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

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***Go – In God’s Name***

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**\*Hymn:**

**“Joy To The World”**

**#40**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**\*The Response for Choir and Congregation**

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

**\*Postlude**

**Go in Peace**

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**Leslie Kelley (Elder of the Month) 326-2677**

**Muriel Turner (Assistant Elder of the Month) 482-4756**

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**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, call the church office at 850-526-2430 or email us at [fpcmarianna@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmarianna@gmail.com).

**Nursery Care:** Available for children six years old and under during the worship service each Sunday morning.

**The Flowers** gracing our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Travis and Ellie Lawson in loving memory of Cason Hatcher and Riley Torbett.

**This Week In Our Church:**

<b>Today</b>	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>
9:30 am	Coffee & Juice Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>
3:30 pm	Food Pantry Bagging
4:00 pm	Chipola Area Autism (Teen Social Skills)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>
7:45 am	Playground*
9:00 am	Youth Choir*
9:00 am	Food Pantry
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
10:30 am	Alzheimer’s Meeting
7:00 pm	NA Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>
9:30 am	Coffee & Juice Fellowship
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**First Presbyterian Church Prays For:**

(New requests in bold)

- Kay Trammell (Robert Trammell’s wife)**
- Jeanne Cowen
- George Berquist (Jill Berquist’s father)
- Joel Gullede (Gayle DeBenedetto’s son-in-law)
- Roy Turner
- Michael Andrejko (Mary Wierman’s brother)
- Shirley Pitts (Susie Barber’s sister)
- Jean Sims (requested by Ouida Morris)
- Pat Furr (requested by Ouida Morris)
- Steve Stafford (Barry’s dad)
- Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)
- Greg Barber (Cindy Yant’s brother)
- Gina Stuart
- Don Morris
- David Sims
- Lou Roberts
- Wayne Barber (requested by Amanda Hinson)
- Robert Hinson (requested by Beverly Hinson)
- Dorothy Baxter (requested by Susie Stevens)
- Brent Bedini
- Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan’s brother)
- Steven Quigley
- Hunter and Lu Daffin
- Ray Windham (requested by Cecil Powell and Bev Kilmer)
- Elizabeth Walker (Stan Littleton’s sister)
- Linda Bevis (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt)
- Matt Goold (requested by family)
- Sybil Schmidt King (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
- Gail Stearn, (Guy Green’s sister)
- Destry Burch (requested by Mary B. Schmidt)
- Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis)
- Ginny Rose, Brooke Grant, Malaki Grant  
(Family of Carol and Dennis Maxson)

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 \*Youth Choir free play on the playground at 7:45 – 9 am followed by practice at 9 – 10 am with Flora Davis  
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 Of  
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 With  
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 & Hope*

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