

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.

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

The Flowers today are given by Lou and Kathy Roberts in honor of the marriage of their daughter Kara to Eli Payne yesterday afternoon.

This Week In Our Church:

Today	December 2nd
9:30 am	Coffee & Juice Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
5:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Monday	December 3rd
10:30 am	Circle 1 Salad Lunch at Church
2:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
5:00 pm	Circle 2 at Jim's Buffet
Tuesday	December 4th
3:30 pm	Food Pantry Bagging
5:00 pm	Good News Women at Jim's Buffet
Wednesday	December 5th
9:00 am	Food Pantry
3:15 – 5:15	WWW
4:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5:45 pm	Bell Choir
6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday	December 6th
10:30 am	Alzheimers
5:30 pm	Choir Party at Joan & Tom Stadskev's
7:00 pm	NA Meeting
Saturday	December 8th
10:00 am	Wildflowers Annual Christmas Brunch

First Presbyterian Church Prays For:

(New requests in bold)

Jake Gunter

- Pam Fontenot (requested by Linda Wamsley)
- Virginia Tinsley (Andy & Gina Tinsley's daughter)
- Mary Marden (Ernie McNeill's sister-in-law)
- Fred Carpenter
- Doug Walker (Stanley Littleton's brother-in-law)
- Bobra Palmer (Bob Pitman's sister)
- Rosemary Parker (requested by Janie F. Pulliam)
- Dot Carpenter
- Don Morris
- Tom Abney (Larry & Jackie Spivey's son-in-law)
- Roy Turner
- Kay Trammell (Robert Trammell's wife)
- Steve Stafford (Barry's dad)
- Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)
- Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)
- Steven Quigley
- Hunter and Lu Daffin
- 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)
- Ginny Rose, Brooke Grant, Malaki Grant
(Family of Carol and Dennis Maxson)

LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Dec 3rd -- Circle 1 Christmas Salad Lunch; 10:30 am at Church
- Dec 3rd -- Circle 2 Christmas Party at Jim's Buffet; 5 pm; "dirty santa"
RSVP by November 29th to Dot at 850-718-7524
- Dec 3rd -- Deadline for poinsettia orders
- Dec 4th -- Good News Women Christmas Party at Jim's Buffet; 5 pm
"dirty santa"
- Dec 6th -- Choir Party at Joan & Tom Stadskev's; 5:30 pm; covered dish and "dirty santa"
- Dec 8th -- Wildflowers Christmas Mission Brunch; 10 am at Church
RSVP to LuAnne Law at 850-557-7425
- Dec 10th - Sunday School Christmas Party at Jim's Buffet; 5:30 pm
- Dec 12th - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec 16th - Confirmation Class received and celebrated.
- Dec 16th - Bell Choir Performance during Worship Service
- Dec 16th - Joint Cantata FUMC at 6pm
- Dec 17th - Lunch Bunch Meeting; Peggy Peacock's; 11:30
- Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service; 5:30 pm



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Celebration of Worship

December 2, 2018

Gather – Assemble in God’s Name

Prelude

Please silence phones.

*Those who are able, please stand.

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcoming and Sharing of Community Life

The First Sunday of Advent: **Hope**

Call to Worship

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.

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”

#82

***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**

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***Response of Praise and Gratitude**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

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

New Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 64:1-9

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Choral Anthem

New Testament Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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Message: “All I Want for Christmas is Hope”

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**

#97

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Prayer of Dedication

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**

#106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

“May the Lord, Mighty God”

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, full of grace forever; May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

***Postlude**

Muriel Turner (Elder of the Month) 482-4756

Beth Westmoreland (Assistant Elder of the Month) 557-1665
