

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 Poinsettias purchased by many to the Glory of God and In Honor of and In Memory of loved ones. (There will be an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin.)

This Week In Our Church:

Today	December 9th
8:30 am	Endowment Committee Meeting
9:30 am	Coffee & Juice Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Pageant Rehearsal (lunch served to children)
5:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Monday	December 10th
2:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
5:30 pm	Sunday School Party at Jim's Buffet
Tuesday	December 11th
3:30 pm	Food Pantry Bagging
Wednesday	December 12th
9:00 am	Food Pantry
10:00 am	Garden Club
4:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5:45 pm	Bell Choir
6:00 pm	Children's Pageant
Thursday	December 13th
4:00 pm	Alzheimer's
7:00 pm	NA Meeting

First Presbyterian Church Prays For:

(New requests in bold)

Family and Friends of Bill Homoney

- 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 Gould (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)

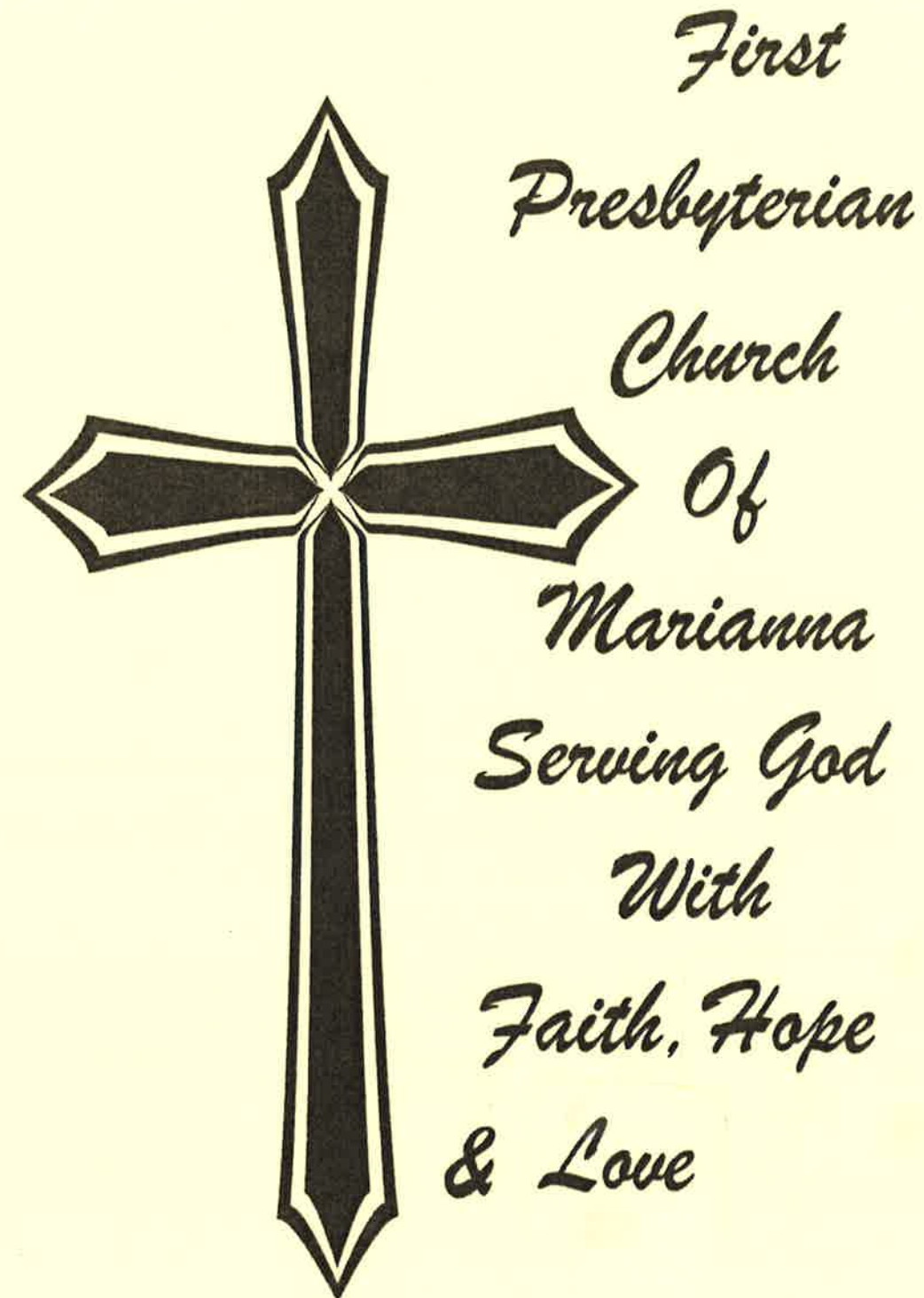
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

6:00 pm this Wednesday, December 12th in the Sanctuary. This year's title is "Sing A Song of Christmas". Today the children will stay after Worship Service for lunch and rehearsal. Special thanks to Amanda Hinson and Flora Davis. The children are always super cute and you will be impressed with the music.

Come to the performance and stay after for salad and pizza. You won't want to miss this!

LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 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; 6:00 pm



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**Celebration of Worship
December 9, 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 Second Sunday of Advent: **Peace**

Call to Worship

Leader: 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.

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 Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

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***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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Mattox Brooks born August 21st to Matt & Geriann Milton. **Elder Albert Milton Assisting**

Old Testament Lesson:

Malachi 3:1-4

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Choral Anthem

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 3:1-6

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Message: “All I Want for Christmas is Peace”

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**

#347

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(“debts and debtors”)

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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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**

#119

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Muriel Turner (Elder of the Month) 482-4756

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