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# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Morning Worship*

*11:00 a.m.*

*February 12, 2012*

*"Witnessing to Jesus Christ in our being, doing, and telling!"*

## **We Gather Before God**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jay Plumb

Call to Worship

Sing praise to the Lord, O you faithful one, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have clothed me with joy,

**So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.**

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Blue Hymnal #379

\* Call to Confession

Though we fall out of communion with God, God assures that if we repent, there will be forgiveness. Let us confess, in humility and faith, our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Jesus' name. We claim to be faithful, but we obey not your commands. We boast of our hope, but we dwell not in faith. We gather security around us while others go hungry. We arm ourselves mightily thinking it will provide peace of mind. We hear Christ's words of assurance, but live not in his promise. Forgive our shortcomings, as in Christ we repent. (Time for Silent Reflection)**

\* Declaration of Forgiveness

We are justified not by our own doing, but through Christ who gave himself for us. We are reconciled to God through Christ, and Christ intercedes for us at the throne of God. In him is our forgiveness. **Amen.**

Gloria Patri **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;** #579

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **The Word Proclaimed**

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Prayers of the People

\* Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This"

Blue Hymnal #85

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 40-45

NT– p. 43

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "The Mystery of Jesus"

Rev. Alex McLean

*Moment of Silence for Reflection*

### **Our Thankful Response**

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed p. 14 in Blue Hymnal

**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 into 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\* Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music

Jay Plumb

\* Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;#592***

***Praise Him all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\* Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

Blue Hymnal #371

\* Charge and Benediction

*The congregation is invited to please stay seated for the postlude*

Postlude

Jay Plumb

\* All who are able, please stand.

### *Calendar for the Week*

- February 13**      The Presbyterian Women meeting, 10 a.m. at Betty Rand's home.
- February 15**      Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.
- February 17**      Valentine Benefit Concert at White Horse, 7:00 p.m.

### *Upcoming Events*

- February 20**      Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- February 22**      Midweek Lenten services at St. James Episcopal Church begin
- February 25**      Christian Education Day Retreat, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- February 27**      Life Line Screening at Bee Tree Christian Church

**Welcome to our Guests!** We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad found on the aisle end of the pew. If you are a first-time guest, please jot down your mailing address and phone number and put the sheet in the collection tray. Plan to stay a few minutes after service for a time of fellowship in the narthex, so we can welcome you in person.

**A nursery is available for infants and children, 5 and under,** during the worship service. Some children stay until after the Children's Sermon, then go to the nursery.

**Thanks to all who made the Hand In Hand Spaghetti Dinner a success.**

**The Presbyterian Women will meet this Monday at 10 a.m. at Betty Rand's home.**

**The Presbyterian Women will provide dinner for Room In the Inn** at Warren Wilson Church on Tuesday evening.

**On Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Valentine Concert** at White Horse to benefit the Black Mountain Pastoral Care & Counseling Center. Enjoy your favorite local musicians sing & play their favorite love songs. Suggested Donation:\$10 per person.

Tickets : [www.whitehorseblackmountain.com](http://www.whitehorseblackmountain.com) 828-669-0816

More information: Black Mountain Pastoral Care & Counseling Center 828-669-9798

**On February 20th, the session will meet at 6:30 p.m.**

**On February 22nd, we will start the midweek Lenten services at St. James Episcopal Church** at noon. There will be an imposition of ashes. Lunch will follow.

**Christian Education Day Retreat!** This year's retreat will be held on Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. We're excited to have Mary-Todd Peters join us for "Through the Roof: Thinking Outside the Box about Bible Study!" ANYONE can attend!!! Registration is only \$10 per person, and includes lunch and refreshments. The deadline to register is February 10th ~ so don't delay!

**Life Line Screening at Bee Tree Christian Church on Monday, February 27.**

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-690-6313

**Talking point for "Bible in a Year":** What very important prophetic passage is the Ethiopian reading when Phillip finds him (Hint: Acts 8:32-33)

**Congregational Concerns:**

Please pray for: Betsy Bullins, Liz Laufman, Donald, Kelsey Loudy, for those in families, and those living alone.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Helen Adwin as they grieve the loss of Helen

Those with ongoing health problems: Susan Burnette, Frieda Chance

Homebound: Frances Campfield, Bud Duncan, Marie Parks

Service Men and Women and Veterans: Doran Heck, Robby Ballard, Joe Rand, Jeff Ruppert

Overseas Connections: Barbara Nagy, Rev. Becca Young, Bethlehem Church in Guatemala, the Learning Center in Mwandu, Presbyterian churches and all churches around the world.

**Prayer Cards are available in the narthex, if you would like someone prayed for.**