

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are facilitated by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a new member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. *Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew.* Your contact information is never shared with any other identity.



Lay Leader is Jean Cairns.

Coffee host is Caroline Manuel.


Visitors Last Sunday were Boy Scout Troop 4, Jean Rausa, Jen Odden, Ellen Calson, Bella Carlson, Trinity Carlson

Ushers for this morning are Joyce Rayfield & Daryl Henry and Neva Kay Ross & Sarah Ross.

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, Bruce Woods

In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Eric Rueseler, LCPL; David Parkinson, Travis Air Force Base, CA; Col. Richard Parkinson, MacDill Air Force Base, FL; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephews); John Raimondo, Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina (Sharon Metcalfe's grandson); Ryan Bloomingdale, Ft. Campbell, Ky (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe) Eric Yocom, Air Force, Mountain Home, Idaho (Ray & Sandy Wilhelm's grandson)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Both Children's Sunday School Classes will meet after the Kid's Message in worship. The Lower Grade's Class will meet in their classroom next to the Nursery. Kathy Woodfin and Cherie Herbst will be teaching this class. The curriculum will focus on "The Stories of the Old Testament" based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Upper Grade's Class will meet in their classroom on the second floor. Their curriculum will focus on "The 12 names of Jesus". This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Julie Harrison.

 **In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the April Meal a Month-** 1 lb. package of pasta, Can of spaghetti sauce, Can of carrots or peas, Can of fruit. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

Mother's Day Mission Project: In honor of all our mothers, we ask you to bring paper products for the Amen Center. The Amen Center is currently supporting 70+ of our brothers and sisters and they go through paper supplies quickly. We will collect the paper products until Mother's Day (May 8th) and the items will be dedicated on that Sunday. Paper products can include but are not limited to paper towels, tissue, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, and feminine hygiene products.

Wednesday, April 20th, 1-5pm, the office phones may be down for upgrade. During this time, you may call our cell phones, Shirley 573-382-0495 or Pastor Kim 415-517-7698, or stop by the office.

CALENDAR

Sunday 4/17	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Adult Sunday School Coffee & fellowship Worship Service
Monday 4/18	Pray for	Leland Shivelbine (birthday)
Tuesday 4/19	Pray for	Paul Rice (birthday)
Wednesday 4/20	Pray for 7:30 pm	Sam & Sharon McCune (anniversary) Choir Practice
Thursday 4/21	Pray for	Karen Fieser (birthday) Lee & Missy Smith (anniversary)
	7:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
Saturday 4/23	Pray for	Ann Ritter (birthday)
Sunday 4/24	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Adult Sunday School Coffee & fellowship Worship Service

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and the Heifer Project

Today is our Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries. We celebrate these milestones in our church family on the third Sunday of the month. As we acknowledge and honor our church family members we also support the work of the Heifer International Project. This is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides sustainable farm animals to impoverished people all over the globe. For more information visit their website at: www.heifer.org.



For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the [Bible passages for next Sunday](#) are: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35.

Did you know that you can hear these readings in a podcast version?

Check it out at the National Presbyterian Church website: www.pcusa.org/devotions/podcast.

You also may want to look them up at: www.biblegateway.com

♪ Music Notes

The word **Alleluia** is used in both Hebrew and Christian traditions as a way to praise God with thanksgiving. From Easter to Pentecost we will be using many hymns with the word “Alleluia” to affirm our joy in the risen Christ.

All Creatures of Our God and King uses a text by the beloved St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). At the age of twenty-five, St. Francis left his life as a soldier, disinherited his considerable wealth, and began to serve God. His deeply spiritual beliefs about charity and love were portrayed in the 1972 classic film, “Brother Sun, Sister Moon,” by director Franco Zeffirelli. A wonderful African adaptation of “All Creatures of Our God and King” with a Swahili text is the song “O Sifuni Mungu.” The popular website youtube.com has over 50 versions of “O Sifuni Mungu”—try to listen to the one by “First Call.” You will surely be smiling and tapping your toes!

And speaking of youtube—check out the many versions of Psalm 23 on the website. There is a setting by Bobby McFerrin, a beautiful setting that was the theme song for the British comedy, “The Vicar of Dibley,” and even a spoken version that was used in the popular television show, “Lost.” Do you have a favorite setting of Psalm 23?

Our tradition of singing the Gloria Patri, Latin for *Glory Be to the Father*, is common to many denominations. This short hymn of praise was composed by Henry Greatorex (1813-1858). Henry was born on Christmas Eve in England, where his father was the organist at Westminster Abbey. He later came to America, and is buried in Charleston, South Carolina.

Look at the World is by the English composer John Rutter (b.1945) and is dedicated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England on their 70th anniversary.

We are using the hymn tune “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” (German for “let us delight”) for our Doxology of praise. The term Doxology, derived from the Greek, is often a small statement of faith to the Triune God. It is similar to a worship practice found in Jewish synagogues. “Lasst Uns Erfreuen,” harmonized by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), is commonly associated with “All Creatures of Our God and King,” “From All That Dwell Below the Skies,” and “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.”

May you be inspired to meditate on the music and texts.



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THE SESSION

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SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M. Adult Education
10:30 A.M. Worship Service
10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

GENERAL NOTICES

Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.
The Session meets the third Sunday of the month.
The Church Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.
The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and
Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster