

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SESSION

### CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris  
Melissa Harris  
Janna Tuck  
Ray Wilhelm

### CLASS OF 2018

Nancy Bray  
Harvey Hecht  
Jeanne Hirsch

### CLASS OF 2019

Mike Brown  
Joyce Rayfield  
Charles Wiles

## SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

Children are always welcome in worship.  
Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.  
The Session meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm..  
The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, Marcia Warren Scoutmaster, and  
Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster

## 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 entity.



**Ushers for this morning** are Jeanne & John Hirsch, Sandy & Ray Wilhelm

**Lay Leader** this morning is Joanna Shaver.



**Pastoral Care:** Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Willie Phillips, Barb Taylor.



**In the Military:** Michelle Bryan, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephew); 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 AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Children and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Time for Young Disciples" in the worship service. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) is studying a series of lessons about "The Life of Jesus". The lessons this semester will focus on the early year's of Jesus's life, his Baptism, his teaching, and choosing his disciples. The class meets in the classroom next to the nursery. The Junior High Class is using *The Good News Bible* for a study of the 66 books of the Bible. The class looks at each book of the Bible and what lessons and stories it teaches. They are keeping a journal of important Bible verses. This class meets in their classroom on the second floor. **ALL CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE CLASSES.**

## CALENDAR

Sunday 4/2	Pray for 10:45 am	Sarah Holt (birthday) Communion Worship Service
Wednesday 4/5	Pray for	Kathy Brown, Willie Phillips (birthday)
Thursday 4/6	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Book Club
Friday 4/7	Pray for	Will Bahn, Joan Gohn, Hannah Taylor (birthday)
Sunday 4/9	Pray for 10:45 am	Joanna Shaver (birthday) Worship Service

**Beginning today, COFFEE** will be available before church in the Atrium area off of the Narthex. If you don't know where this is, ask an usher and enjoy a cup of coffee with others.

**New members** will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, April 9th. We would like to welcome Elsie Harris, Emma Wolfe, Trinity Carlson, Bella Carlson, Stephanie & Dave Bengtson and Karen & Henry Wilkenson as new members. If you are considering becoming a member of this congregation, please talk to Pastor Terry.

**SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU** will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 for lunch and fellowship. We will order off the menu with each person being responsible for their own lunch. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 if you would like to attend so that arrangements can be made for a table to accommodate all of us. All are welcome.



**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.

**Miriam Foltz will fill the pulpit today, Sunday, April 2,** while Pastor Terry is away. Miriam Foltz is the campus minister at UKirk St. Louis. UKirk or "University Church" is the Presbyterian worshipping community for students at Washington University and St. Louis University and college-aged students in the area. Miriam is a graduate of Union Seminary in Virginia. She and her husband, Steven, live in St. Louis.



**Annual Easter Egg Hunt--**Please gather in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. on Easter morning. We will have the children hunt for eggs and then return to the fellowship hall for snacks and activities. You may bring your own Easter basket if you like, but we will have some available. We hope to see you there.



Gather Share & Eat will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be have a Fried Chicken dinner complete with mashed potatoes & biscuits & gravy, green beans, salad or slaw & a dessert. For Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have spaghetti, salad & garlic bread with a dessert. The speakers on Maundy Thursday will be Rex and Jon Rust, Co-Presidents of Rust Communications to continue our Lenten series "Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City." Following their talk there will be a worship service with communion and music by the choir. Please call the office or sign the pew pad if you plan to attend either or both of these events.



**The next meeting for the Book Club** will be Thursday, April 6 at the home of Jeanne Hirsch with the book being "The Road to Little Dribbling" by Bill Bryson.

### ***EASTER LILIES:***

Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. They may be purchased for (\$8.00 each) in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please complete this form and return it to the church along with your check or cash.

I/We wish to purchase an Easter lily.

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