

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 John Broeckling.

Visitors Last Sunday were Carolyn Taylor, Josh Lindley, Amanda Lindley, Jess & Bella, Maddi Ford, Ted Spencer, August & Laura Ritter, Helen Howard, Cyndy & Gary Wyler, Justin Pierce, Wade, Kelli, Mallory & Dylan Pierce, June Owan, Jim & Vicki Overstreet, Grace McBride.

Ushers for this morning are Carol & Horton Miller and Sharon Metcalfe & Ruth Needle

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, 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.



Flowers for Worship: Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone's birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say "Thanks, God!" Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

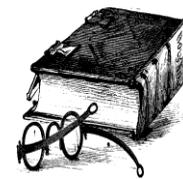
CALENDAR

Sunday 4/3	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	Adult Sunday School Coffee & fellowship Worship Service Faith & Film
Tuesday 4/5	Pray for	Kathy Brown, Willie Phillips (birthday)
Wednesday 4/6	7:30 pm 6:30 pm	Choir Practice Christian Ed Meeting
Thursday 4/7	Pray for	Joan Gohn, Will Bahn, Hannah Taylor (birthday)
Saturday 4/9	Pray for	Joanna Shaver (birthday)
Sunday 4/10	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am Noon	Adult Sunday School Coffee & fellowship Worship Service Troop 4 BBQ

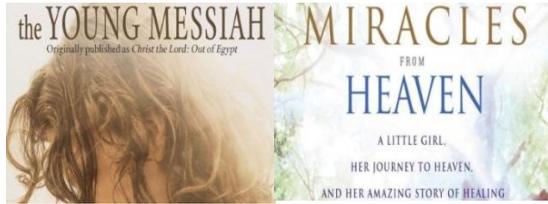
DAYTIME CIRCLE--The Daytime Circle will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 to let one of them know you plan to attend. The discussion will be on Lesson 9 from our study book, PSALMS, by Sue Edwards. Or - read Psalm 98 and you will be ready to participate.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 14 at the home of Rebecca Nelson and we will discuss Anne La Motts' "Thanks, Help, Wow: Three Essential Prayers". In May, we will meet at the home of Ruth Needle. We will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

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.



For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the Bible passages for next Sunday are: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, and John 21:1-19.



Faith and Film Discussion Group for April. We are again excited to have more new movies for upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. **Today, April 3, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim’s home to discuss *The Young Messiah* (opens March 11) and *Miracles from Heaven* (opens March 16). The former is based on the Anne Rice novel, “Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt” and focuses on a seven year old Jesus returning from Egypt to Nazareth. Will the movie reveal when Jesus knew he was the Christ? Something to think about, for sure! The second movie is based on the true story, and subsequent book, about a young girl’s miraculous healing. Are there medical mysteries that truly defy explanation? Come and have some pizza with the pastor and discuss these movies. Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP, and for directions and more information, if needed.

Troop 4 will be having their annual BBQ on Sunday April 10, right after church. The scouts use this money to help pay for summer camp. If you would like to pre order a pork butt (\$30) or by the pound (\$9), call Shirley 382-0495 or the church office. Dinner tickets (\$8) may be purchased at the door. To-go orders are available. Thanks to our chief cook, Will Bahn



IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT I REALLY WONDER HOW SOME PEOPLE CAN SUGGEST THAT GOD DOESN'T HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR

♪ Music Notes

The music today expresses the joy of this post-Easter Sunday. In medieval times many churches embraced the tradition of a “Bright” Sunday, also known today as “Holy Humor Sunday.” The Latin words “risus paschalis” (meaning “Easter Laughter”) reflect on the many times that scripture tells us that God laughed. Even in Genesis God was laughing--did you know that the name “Isaac” means “laughter” (Gen. 17:19)? The fourth verse of Psalm 2 tells us that “the One enthroned in heaven laughs.” So, be of good cheer for a cheerful heart is good medicine (Proverbs 17:22).

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.

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.

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” (# 455) and “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (# 451).

Come, Share the Lord was written by Bryan Jeffrey Leech (1931-2015) who was born and raised in England. Leech moved to the US in 1955. He was an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) and served parishes on both the east and west coasts. Take notice of the text—“everyone belongs; finding forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs . . . We are now a family of which the Lord is head . . .” These are powerful words that we should heed.

Come and Fill Our Hearts (*Confitemini Domino*) is a sung prayer from the ecumenical Taizé community in the Burgundy region of France. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians from many nations gather each week for prayer and meditation. For more information visit their website at: www.taize.fr

Did you realize that our **worship** is a dialogue with God? God speaks to us through the Holy Word and Spirit, and we respond. Our Call to Worship and our Psalm Readings often model the type of dialogue we should have with God—God speaking to us, and our response. We are made in the image of God and long to be in relationship with God. And so we gather, we listen to the Word, we share with one another, and we go forth. Let us continue to be renewed by this merciful and gracious God, and may we respond with joy, as redeemed Christians!

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