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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.



Ushers for this morning are Bob & Ann Parkinson and Bob & Donna Pikey.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Erin Gardner, Caitlyn Couch, Chris Couch, Heather Couch, Ruth Warner.

Pastoral Care: Myra Peo, Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Bill Stover, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, Judy Rueseler, DaNece (friend of Dusti & Tami Miller)

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); 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 studying "The Parables of Jesus". This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, Kate Broeckling and Julie Harrison.

Sunday School. The adult Sunday School will resume meeting on Sunday, Jan 3, 2016. The children's Sunday School will not meet December 27 or January 3rd. It will resume on January 10, 2016.



In support of our local FISH, the January Meal a Month- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese mix, can of evaporated milk, can of green beans, can of peaches. 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 12/27	Pray for	Daryl Henry (Birthday) Sue Watkins (Birthday)
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
Monday 12/28	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Pray for	Barbara Calvin, Kathy Harrison (Birthday)
	6:30 pm	Joint meeting Personnel & Worship & Art
Wednesday 12/30	Pray for	Ruth Knote (Birthday)
Friday 12/31	Pray for	Sarah Hopkins (Birthday)
Sunday 1/3	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Noon	“un-decorating” the church

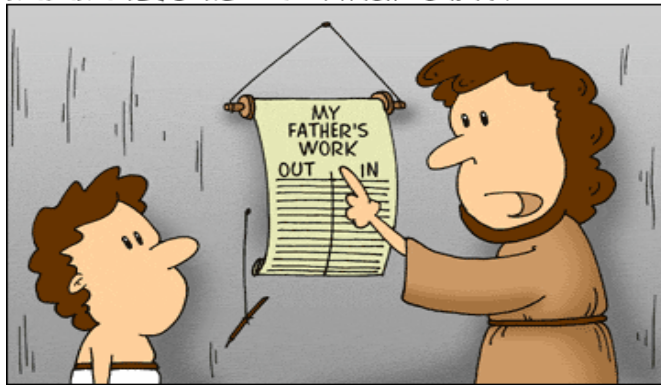
The 2016 pledge envelopes are in the Narthex. If you do not know your envelope number, there is an alphabetical list to help you find which box yours is in. If your number is not on the list and you need envelopes, please call Shirley or Jean at the church 573-335-2579.

Next Sunday, January 3, we will be “un-decorating” the church. Plan to stay for a little while after the service to help take down the Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, and more. Thanks!

Make a New Year’s Resolution to join our Adult Choir! Adult Choir begins again with Wednesday rehearsals starting on January 6, at 7:30 pm. **Join us!**

The Daytime Circle will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 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 7 from our study book, PSALMS by Sue Edwards. Or - read Psalm 103 and you will be ready to participate.

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NOW JESUS, IF YOU USE THIS HANDY SIGNOUT SHEET YOU WILL PUT YOUR MOTHER AND ME VERY MUCH AT EASE

♪ Music Notes

Angels from the Realms of Glory was written in 1816 by James Montgomery (1771-1854), a native of Scotland and the son of Moravian missionaries. He was imprisoned in England more than once for writing controversial opinions. Five of his hymns are in our hymnal, including “Go to Dark Gethsemane” and “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”. The blind composer, Henry Smart (1813-1879) was the editor for the *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1875) and the hymnbook for the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He dedicated this tune to the Regent Square Presbyterian Church in London, hence its tune name, “Regent Square.”

The term **Doxology** is derived from the Greek and is usually identified with a short hymn of praise, often to the Triune God. It has its origins from a similar worship practice in the Jewish synagogues. These songs of praise, actually small statements of faith, were frequently added to the last verse of a hymn, psalm or prayer. During this **Advent and Christmas** season we are using the fourth verse of “All Praise to Thee, My God” (#675). An Englishman, Thomas Ken (1637-1711), who was an Anglican priest and later a Bishop, wrote this text in 1674. The tune, “Tallis’ Canon” is by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) who composed for Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, and other English royalty. He was also the organist at Canterbury Cathedral.

Englishman William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) set the text of What Child is This to a popular folk tune, “Greensleeves.” This melody has been mentioned or used in everything from Shakespeare to Play Station games. The original concluding words of verse two, “nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you,” are replaced in most versions by the text of verse one.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the founder of the Methodists. Wesley and his brother, John Wesley (1703-1791), both Anglican clergy, wrote over 6000 hymns. “Stories of the Christian Hymns,” says that the one hymn poem that we now know as Wesley’s *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* was entered in error in the Church of England’s Book of Common Prayer. The “established Church” did not approve of Wesley’s hymns. In 1855, a hundred years later, the English tenor William Haymen (1831-1915) set Wesley’s poem to Felix Mendelssohn’s music, thereby increasing the popularity and longevity to this wonderful carol.

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

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