

♪ Music Notes

On Jordan's Bank (#96) was originally written in Latin by Charles Coffin (1676-1749). The title was "Jordanis oras praevia." Coffin was a rector of the University of Paris and had several Latin poems published in 1727. According to the *Presbyterian Hymnal Companion* Coffin's "complete works were published in two volumes in 1755." Knowledge of the Latin language was once considered quite a scholarly achievement and Coffin was obviously very skilled. The 1837 English translation was by John Chandler. The tune, "Winchester New," (and yes, there is a "Winchester Old") is from "Musikalisches Handbuch" (1690, Hamburg, Germany). While researching the information on this hymn, this author did not find a connection to the Winchester Cathedral in England, but did find the following additional, and most engaging, verse in another denominational hymnal: *Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand; Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in every place. Amen!*

Every Valley is a setting of Isaiah 40:4-5 and mentioned in our Gospel Lesson today. It was composed by John Ness Beck (1930-1987). He was a faculty member of the Ohio State University School of Music, and later helped to create Beckenhorst Press with John Tagenhorst.

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.

People Look East (#105) is sung to an old French folk melody called "Besançon." Choristers may recognize the tune as "Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep!" The idea of "looking east" is common to many cultures as the new day begins in the east. The author, Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), was a poet and children's author from London. Her many friends included the American poet, Robert Frost. This text appears in the *Oxford Book of Carols*. Farjeon is perhaps best known for "Morning Has Broken" (#664).

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

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 this morning is Joanna Shaver.

Ushers for this morning are Bob & Dona Pikey and Kathy & Michael Brown.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Gregg Hopkins, Harry Howard, Wayne & Karen Wilde.

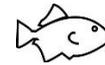
Pastoral Care: Myra Peo, Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Bill Stover, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, Judy Rueseler

In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Donald Shaver (brother-in-law of Joanna Shaver), Cape Girardeau; 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.



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.



In support of our local FISH, the December Meal a Month- 2 cans white beans, 2 package Jiffy type cornbread mix, milk, 2 Cans fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

Please change in your Church Directory--Jean Kaiser's new address is Bradford Village, 906 N Boulevard Rm 405, Edmond, Ok 73034



CALENDAR	Sunday 12/6	9:30 am	Embracing God's Word Adult Class
		10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
		10:30 am	Worship Service
	Monday 12/7	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
	Tuesday 12/8	Pray for	Dr. Harold Buxton (birthday)
		11:00 am	Daytime Circle
	Wednesday 12/9	Pray for	Carol Miller (birthday)
		6:00 pm	Worship & Art Meeting
		6:30 pm	Hand Bells
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
	Friday 12/11	Pray for	Rob Ross (birthday)
	Sunday 12/13	9:30 am	Embracing God's Word Adult Class
		10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
		10:30 am	Worship Service
			Choir Christmas Cantata
		Noon	Gather Share & Eat

Parade of Lights will be this Sunday, December 6th at 5:00pm. Our cub scouts Pack 15, will have a float and will be number 24 in line. They will also have the activity building open for anyone that would like to warm up or need a bathroom. The scouts will be serving hot chocolate, coffee, and chili.

The Daytime Circle will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. 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 program will be "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

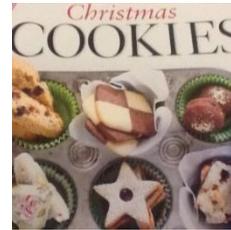
Happy Birthday, Jesus Party! The Christian Education Committee will host a "Happy Birthday, Jesus Party for our children and families on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the third floor at our church. We will share pizza and birthday cake for supper. There will be crafts and games to play together and some surprises for the children. Children are encouraged to bring a friend. Our focus again this year will be on Jesus and sharing His love on His special birthday. The children may bring a toy to give to Jesus so that he can share the gifts with children in need. The CE Committee will deliver the gifts to the Toy Box or to the three children at the Amen Center. (Note: the children at the Amen Center are a boy 14 months old, and two girls ages 10 and 13.) Please contact Melissa Harris by WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH with your RSVP so plans can be finalized.

Free Redhawks Women's Basketball Game- local churches, we had such a great turnout at our last event we are doing it again. Sunday December 13, at 2 pm the Redhawks will be taking on Central Arkansas. Anyone who brings a church bulletin will get free admission.

On Dec. 13th at 2:00 P.M. Judith Farris's advanced singers will present a recital in the Schuck Recital Hall in the Seminary building at the River Campus. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. These young singers need and appreciate your support! It is free to the public and only an hour or so in length.

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.

You are all invited to the December Gather, Share, and Eat on December 13, 2015 after church services. We will be serving Daryl's chili and another soup plus a vegetable tray and crackers. You are asked to bring 2-4 dozen Christmas cookies, preferably homemade. After we share our meal, we will be wrapping extra cookies for the shut-ins, and wrapping presents and cookies for the Amen Center. We will have stations set up so all can participate. It promises to be a lot of fun, so please call the office or sign the pew pad to let us know that you will attend! (Daryl wants to be able to make enough chili!). See you there!



Worship at the corner of Lorimier and Broadway!

Prepare your minds and hearts for Christmas at our upcoming 10:30 am Sunday services—Beautiful music and a great message! Schedule:

- Sun. Dec. 13—3rd Sunday in Advent, & Choir Christmas Cantata
- Sun. Dec. 20—4th Sunday in Advent, & Recognition of Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Thurs. Dec. 24--Christmas Eve Service. **5:00 pm**
- Sun. Dec. 27—Special Music (Yes, we are open between Christmas and Easter!)
- Sun. Jan. 3—Epiphany.

Bring a friend to church!

People are usually very receptive to church invitations at this time of year.

Tell your non-attending friends about our services.



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Joanna Shaver, Wedding Coordinator
Gina Thomas, Maintenance
Rev. Dr. Kim L Nelson, D. Min. Pastor

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2015

Donna Pikey
Ruth Pautler
Joyce Rayfield
Kathy Brown

CLASS OF 2016

Nancy Bray
John Broeckling
Caroline Manuel
Joanna Shaver

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
Melissa Harris
Janna Tuck
Dale Watkins

SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 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 Wednesday 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

On December 6th, we are having a Congregational Meeting after Worship for the purpose of election of officers.

We respectfully submit:

Nominees for Elder include Barbara Calvin, Scott Harrison, Harvey Hecht and Jeanne Hirsch.

Nominees for at-large members on Nominating Committee include Ed Burford and Donna Pikey.

Nominees for at-large members on Endowment Committee include Horton Miller and Georganne Syler.

Barbara N. Calvin was baptized in the Congregational Church in Maquoketa, Iowa. and was first ordained as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Missouri. She has served several times on Sessions, Session Committees and as Clerk of Session. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a BFA degree, and worked for many years as a graphic artist in the Kansas City area. Upon moving to Cape Girardeau in 1973, she and her husband Ed became involved in our church's committee to investigate the feasibility of a retirement community in Cape. Before the Chateau opened, she served as Marketing/PR Director and after opening as Assistant Administrator and Administrator. Barbara cites her service on the Otahki Girl Scout Council Board of Directors and as President of the Council as other special opportunities in her life. Her free time now is spent in watercolor painting.

Scott Harrison is the husband of Julie and father of Katherine 9, Jacob 7 and Caroline 16. Scott and His family are proud members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau. He is the church's web designer providing weekly and monthly updates. Prior to relocating his family to Cape Girardeau, Missouri he was a member, social media/web designer, church musician (playing both piano and guitar) at the First Presbyterian Church in the Clarkton, Missouri PCUSA and guest musician for most joint community services. He worked to form the Clarkton Ministerial Alliance and establish a scholarship for local high school students. Scott is facilitator of the Charles and Bettie Birthright Historic Site in Clarkton which qualifies as a Presbyterian Heritage Site in Clarkton, Missouri. Scott is a 2003 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major emphasis in Administrative Systems Management. Scott was Technology Director; Food Service Administrator; Grant Writer/Facilitator; and Database Administrator for the Clarkton C4 School District for 16 years.

Harvey Hecht, born in 1939, grew up in the Mosby Baptist Church in a small town outside Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating from college he married Carolyn Lea Jarrett in 1962. While in graduate school, they joined Gay Street Methodist Church. After gaining his Ph D, he joined the English Department at Southeast Missouri State where he taught for 42 years. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for over 30 years, teaching junior and senior high classes and serving as Deacon and Elder. He and Lea have two children: Matt (1966) now a software engineer in Maryville, TN and Laura (1969) Director of Sterile Processing at St. Francis in Cape. After attending for a year, he and Lea joined First Presbyterian where both sing in the choir.

Jeanne Hirsch has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for nearly fourteen years. She and her family felt drawn to visit one Sunday after Paul Kabo gave an uplifting funeral service for her father-in-law Ralph Hirsch and have been coming ever since then. John and she have been married since 1969 and have one daughter Rachel Knapp. Rachel and her husband Cory are also members of First Presbyterian Church. Being a native of Cape Jeanne attended St. Vincent, Notre Dame, and SEMO. She taught English for thirty years in Sikeston, lived there twenty-six years, and retired in 2000. She's volunteered at FISH for almost ten years and had volunteered at the Teen Challenge Thrift Store for several years. Besides attending to her dogs, she enjoys reading, thrift store browsing and being with family and friends.

Dr. Ed Burford has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 40 years. He has served as a ruling Elder, Clerk of Session, Sunday School teacher, member of Music and Worship Committee, member of Nominating Committee, Choir member and provider of special and occasional worship service music.

Donna Pikey has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. She has served as Deacon, Elder, Clerk of Session and Editor of First Facts. She has served on several committees throughout the years and, most recently, was the chair of the Mission Committee.

Horton Miller has been a First Presbyterian Church member for 29 years. He has served as a Deacon and ruling Elder and been a member of the following committees for many years: Property, Church Renovation, Finance and Endowment.

Georganne Syler has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1961. She has served as Deacon, Elder, Chairman of a Pastor Nominating Committee, and member of numerous committees. She has also been a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher and often a Children's Sermon leader.

POINSETTIAS will once again fill the sanctuary beginning December 13th. If you wish to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one (or for any other reason of the season) please fill in the order blank below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during Sunday worship by **December 9th**. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$8.00 each.



I/We would like to place a poinsettia in the church sanctuary.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other

From
