

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
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CLASS OF 2018

Barbara Calvin
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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

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 identity.



Ushers for this morning are Melissa, Bryan, & Emily Harris and Phil Shaver

Lay Leader this morning is Georganne Syler.

Visitors last Sunday were Joshua & Helen Hopkins, Greg Hopkins, Karen & Henry Wilkinson.



Pastoral Care: Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Calvin, Ruth Jean Field Lange, Willie Phillips, Virginia Goodwin, Fern & Wilma Harris.



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 "Kid's Message" 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.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Please join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the adult library. We have several chapters left to study from the book "Pray like Jesus" by John R. Brokhoff. Each week we will read a chapter on our own time and return on the next Sunday to discuss it. There are books available in the office if you are interested. If you have any questions contact Melissa Harris.

CALENDAR

Sunday 2/19	Pray for 10:45 am	Benjamin Broeckling (birthday) Worship Service
Monday 2/20	Pray for	Sam McCune (birthday)
Tuesday 2/21	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday 2/23	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 2/26	10:45 am	Worship Service (Sam Roethemeyer)



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 Food Pantry, the February Meal a Month- 2 cans of chicken noodle soup, 2 cans of apple sauce, box of crackers. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



Souper Bowl Report:

Our church contributed \$1480.00 & 237 food items to FISH. Hurray!!! Thank you, FPC, for loving your neighbors.



TRIVIA NIGHT, sponsored by Friends of Troop 4 at the activity building 232 Broadway on March 10. Doors will open at 6:30pm and play begins at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person/teams of 8. If you don't have a full team we can put you with others to make a team. Reserve a table by calling Sharon @ 573-625-1016 or sharonwessel65@gmail.com or you can let Shirley know in the office. Light refreshments will be sold or you can bring your own. Cash prizes award to the top three teams! Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with trivia night. March Madness is the theme—prize for best dressed team. Proceeds go to building fund for the activity building.

Choir/Congregational Anthem

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Based on Psalm 46, with "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

by Lloyd Larson
Words & Music: Martin Luther, 1529

Choir Refrain: God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in times of trouble.
And though the earth should change
and the mountains fall into the sea,
We will not fear, we will not fear
for God is our refuge and strength.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.
A holy city, a place for the most High God.
Though the nations rage, though the kingdoms fall,
God shall not be moved,
The wars of earth shall cease.
"Be still and know that I am God." (Choir Refrain)

Congregation & Choir:

**v. 1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**v. 2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he:
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**v. 3) And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

**v. 4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let good and kindred go, this life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His Kingdom is forever.**

Choir (Concluding Refrain):

God is our refuge and strength, we will not fear,
We will not fear for God is our refuge and strength.