

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 Paul Farris.

Ushers for this morning are Joanna & Phil Shaver & Sharon & Sam McCune.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Ken & Diane Cook, Lana Davis, Carolyn Taylor, Wayne & Karen Wilde.



The Coffee Hosts This Morning are Phil & Mabry Shaver.

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, DaNece (friend of Dusti & Tami Miller), Brucee 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 studying "The Parables of Jesus". This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, Kate Broeckling and Julie Harrison.



In support of our local FISH, 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.



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 2/14

Pray for

Jim Hirsch (birthday)

Bob & Ann Parkinson, (anniversary)

Ray & Sandy Wilhelm (anniversary)

Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 am

10:00 am

Coffee & fellowship

10:30 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 2/17

Pray for

Rob Williams (birthday)

5:30 pm

Lenten Service

7:30 pm

Choir Practice

Friday 2/19

Pray for

Benjamin Broeckling (birthday)

Saturday 2/20

Pray for

Sam McCune (birthday)

Sunday 2/21

9:30 am

Adult Sunday School Class

10:00 am

Coffee & fellowship

10:30 am

Worship Service



Activity for Valentine's Day—

Take each letter in the word "Heart" and write a prayer.

Example:

Honor the Lord in every heartbeat.

Enjoy and protect the whole of creation.

Accept God's presence in each person you meet.

Renew your spirit each day in contemplation.

Turn to God in all times, whether bitter or sweet.

Next Sunday is our Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries. We celebrate these milestones in our church family on the third Sunday of the month. As we acknowledge and honor our church family members we also support the work of the Heifer International Project. This is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides sustainable farm animals to impoverished people all over the globe. For more information visit their website at: www.heifer.org.

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Another look at Lent--

“People often associate Lent with dismal liturgies of penitence. Interestingly, however, Lent means spring, and these lessons remind us of the promise of new life and new possibilities. As the bulbs break through the soil, so God works newness in the midst of our despair. If we focus too closely on our human failings, we lose sight of what is truly important: God’s goodness, God’s promise, and God’s blessing. God calls to us, leading us into new adventures of faith. God’s love and faithfulness are never ending, and we are invited to respond in faith. Faced with the ultimate questions of life and death, we hear God’s words of truth and love.”

[Abingdon Press Worship Publication]



What can we give up this Lent?

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks."

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst attributes. Instead concentrate on their best points.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! They're too heavy for you to carry anyway. Instead, trust God with them.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit someone who's lonely or sick.

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to something better.

GIVE UP judging others by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God.

Rev. Alan Gibson, Church of Scotland



For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the Bible passages for next Sunday are:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35.

Did you know that you can hear these readings in a podcast version? Check it out at the National Presbyterian Church website: www.pcusa.org/devotions/podcast.

You also may want to look them up at: www.biblegateway.com

♪ Music Notes

February is Black History Month. It was chosen to honor the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12, 1809-April 15, 1865) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14, 1818-Feb. 20, 1895). Throughout this month the music will feature many selections in honor of Black History.

Jesus Loves Me was written in 1860 and is now sung all over the world. No less than the noted theologian, Karl Barth, quoted this simple song when asked to summarize his faith and theology. The text was written by Anna B. Warner (1827-1915) and her sister, Susan Warner (1819-1885). They lived in New York near West Point and taught Sunday School for the cadets. Hymn researcher Kenneth Osbeck says that the text was from a best-selling novel spoken by one of the characters as he comforted a dying child. William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), an East Coast organist, choir director, and composer of the tune, added the “Sunday School form” refrain. Other Bradbury hymns in our hymnal include: “Just As I Am”, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”, and “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”. He also wrote “He Leadeth Me” and “Sweet Hour of Prayer.”

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. Today we are using a Doxology to the tune of “Amazing Grace.”

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (#471) is from the ecumenical community of Taizé, located in the Burgundy region of France. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians from many nations gather there each week for prayer and meditation. Last fall we sang “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (#654), another chant from Taizé. Several of their musical prayers are in our hymnal including “Jesus, Remember Me” (#227), written in 1981 for the World Council of Churches. For more information visit their website at: www.taize.fr.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah was written by William Williams (1717-1791), a Welsh Anglican clergyman who had left a medical profession to pursue a career in ministry. It first appeared in a hymnal in 1745. The original stanzas were translated into English in 1771 by Peter Williams (no relation). The tune, “Cwm Rhondda,” also used in another beloved Presbyterian hymn, “God of Grace and God of Glory,” was composed in 1907 by the Welshman, John Hughes (1873-1932). The tune name refers to a “low valley” surrounding the district of Rhondda in southern Wales. Some interesting tidbits about the hymn from www.cyberhymnal.org: *The hymn, sung in Welsh, was in the Academy Award winning movie “How Green Was My Valley” (1941). Sung in English it was used at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, in Westminster Abbey, London (1997).* Kenneth Osbeck’s book, “101 Hymn Stories,” says that this hymn has been translated into over 75 languages, and “it is not uncommon even today for a large crowd at some public event such as a rugby match (in Wales) to burst into the spontaneous singing of this hymn.”

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

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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