

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 Gina Thomas.

Ushers for this morning are Bob & Donna Pikey and Julie & Katherine Harrison.



The Coffee Hosts This Morning are Marlena & Jerry Pind.

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, 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 2/21	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Session Meeting
Tuesday 2/23	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday 2/24	Pray for	Rob Williams (birthday)
	5:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 2/28	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service



The Daytime Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch. The discussion will be on Lesson 8 from our study book "PSALMS" by Sue Edwards. This chapter will cover Psalm 22, so if you would like to join us, but do not have a study book, by reading this Psalm you will be ready to participate in the discussion. We would be happy to have you join us. If you plan to attend, please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 and let one of them know you are coming so that arrangements may be made for a table big enough to accommodate all of us.



Study Lectionary Bible Study: Growing in our Love for God

Each Tuesday morning at 10:00-11:30 am, Pastor Kim will be leading an intense Bible Study using the lectionary readings for each Sunday. This is a special Lenten Study which will continue on Tuesday mornings through Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22. The class will gather in the Library. Bring your own Bible or use one of the Bibles available in the Library.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, and the Heifer Project

Today 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.



For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the [Bible passages for next Sunday](#) are: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9,

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

Prayer

Sheltering God: when we are afraid, you bring us into your heart; when we have lost our way, you give us gentle guides; when we cry out to you, you grace us with your presence.
 Jesus Christ: like a mother hen, you gather up our doubts and transform them into confidence; you surround our fears and transform them into faithfulness; you pick up our brokenness and transform us into your Body.
 Holy Spirit: you hold fast to us, so we might stand firm in the Lord; you are with us in the long hours of the night, so we might wait for the Lord; you fill us with your gifts, so we might bless the One who comes in God's name.

by the Rev. Alan Gibson, Church of Scotland

“Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark.” [Old Scandinavian Proverb]

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ABRAHAM SHOWS OFF

♪ **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.

[The God of Abraham Praise](#) is based on the revised 14th century *Yigdal* (a Hebrew Doxology) of Daniel Ben Judah, a Roman judge. Rev. Thomas Oliver (1725-1799), a Methodist minister, visited a synagogue in London and was captivated by the tune. The tune name, “Leoni,” was in honor of the cantor that evening, Meyer Lyon (1751-1797).

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 My Feet](#) is an African-American Spiritual. Many such songs expressed the sorrow of slavery and a strong desire for deliverance, either in this life or the next. It may have even been “a coded message for slaves to meet at the entrance of the Underground Railroad” (*The Faith We Sing Worship Planner*). In the context of worship in the 21st century, such songs continue to have a universal appeal because they are symbolic expressions of our own religious experiences and journeys. The harmonization in our hymnal arrangement is by Wendell Phillips Whalum (1932-1987). The *Presbyterian Hymnal Companion* says that Whalum was “educated at Morehouse College, Atlanta, and the University of Iowa (Ph.D.). Whalum was the first African American to serve as choral clinician at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians’ Worship and Music Conference at the Presbyterian Retreat Center in Montreat, North Carolina.”

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