

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Nancy Bray
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Joanna Shaver

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
Melissa Harris
Janna Tuck
Dale Watkins

CLASS OF 2018

Barbara Calvin
Scott Harrison
Harvey Hecht
Jeanne Hirsch

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

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 Neva Kay Ross.

Ushers for this morning are Joanna & Phil Shaver

The Coffee Host This Morning is Donna Farris.

Visitors Last Sunday were Nelle Johnson and Bella (Emma Smith's baby doll).

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 Food Pantry, the March Meal a Month- Can of Tuna, Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, Package of Noodles, 2 cans of Fruit. 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 2/28	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Session meeting
Tuesday 3/1	Pray for	Gina Thomas (birthday)
Wednesday 3/2	5:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 3/6	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.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 10 at the home of Sharon Metcalfe. The book discussion will be on "All Fall Down" by Jennifer Weiner. Becky Nelson will be the hostess for the April meeting on Thursday, April 14 on the book "Help, Thanks, Wow: 3 Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott.



For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week, the [Bible passages for next Sunday](#) are:
Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.

Gather, Share, and Eat. Please come join us for the March Gather, Share, and Eat on March 13, 2016. Our meal will have an Irish theme as St. Patrick's Day is that same week. So come join us for food, fund, and friendship. We need your reservations in to the church office or on the pew pads. Hope to see you there!

Souper Bowl. Thanks to everyone at First Presbyterian Church for their generosity. We collected 227 items of food along with \$140.00 that was delivered to Fish Food Pantry.

♪ Music Notes

Some of our Lenten music today casts a nod to the Academy Awards tonight and in particular movies that make us ponder our Christian faith.

Gabriel's Oboe by Italian composer, Ennio Morricone (b.1928), is from the 1986 film, "The Mission." Set in a Jesuit mission in 18th century South America it "reminds us of the vitality of love, the miracle of grace, and the transforming power of acts of conscience." Morricone received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to film music, including the delightful "Cinema Paradiso."

Theme from "Schindler's List" is from Steven Spielberg's Academy award-winning movie honored as Best Picture in 1993. This powerful film tells the true story of Oskar Schindler (1908-1974), a German businessman, who sought opportunities for wealth in Poland during WWII. He gained another kind of wealth when he saved the lives of over 1100 Jews. John Williams wrote the haunting score for virtuoso violinist Itzhak Perlman (b. 1945). The publicity tagline could be straight out of Holy Scripture: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire." Perhaps that is a reminder that even our small steps can serve God in a large way.

Chariots of Fire was a 1981 British movie that won several Academy Awards including Best Picture. It tells the true story of two athletes, one Jewish and one Christian, who raced in the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics. The movie score uses the hymn tune, "Jerusalem," composed by English composer C. Hubert Parry. The movie theme song was written by the Greek film composer Evangelos Odysseas Papathanassiou (b.1943) commonly known as Vangelis. May you be inspired to meditate on the music and texts.

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.

Discovering a Good God during 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

Faith and Film Discussion Group-March. We are blessed to have some new movies for some upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On Sunday, March 6, 4:30-6:00 pm, we will meet at Pastor Kim’s home to discuss the Jesse Owen’s bio-pic *Race* about the 1936 Olympics and *Risen*, a post-resurrection story told through the eyes of an agnostic Roman Centurion. Join us for discernment and pizza! Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP and for directions and more information, if needed.



Faith and Film Discussion Group for April. We are again excited to have more new movies for upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On **Sunday, April 3, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim’s home to discuss *The Young Messiah* (opens March 11) and *Miracles from Heaven* (opens March 16). The former is based on the Anne Rice novel, “Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt” and focuses on a seven year old Jesus returning from Egypt to Nazareth. Will the movie reveal when Jesus knew he was the Christ? Something to think about, for sure! The second movie is based on the true story, and subsequent book, about a young girl’s miraculous healing. Are there medical mysteries that truly defy explanation? Come and have some pizza with the pastor and discuss these movies. Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP, and for directions and more information, if needed.



Youth Movie Night . Bryan and Melissa Harris are starting a movie night for 4th grade and older. It will be the last Friday of every month and will start at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Friends are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Melissa at 573-579-4977.