

## 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** Sharon Metcalfe



**Ushers for this morning are** Melissa & Brian Harris and Sam Bishop & Nancy Bray.

**Visitors Last Sunday Were:** Walter & Karen Wilde, Nelle Johnson

**Pastoral Care:** Myra Peo, 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.



**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.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are in memory of Bill Stover.

The church will have two guest Ministers this month, one for January 24, Sam Rothemeyer and on January 31 it will be Greg Heinsman.

CALENDAR			
Sunday 1/17	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	
	Noon	Session Meeting	
Monday 1/18	Pray for	Lizbe Knote (birthday)	
Wednesday 1/20	Pray for	Joan Slaughter (birthday)	
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	
Thursday 1/21	Pray for	Horton Miller, Jodi Durow (birthday)	
Saturday 1/23	Pray for	Marlena Pind (birthday)	
Sunday 1/24	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship	
	10:30 am	Worship Service	

**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](http://www.heifer.org)

**Annual Meeting of our Congregation**--The Session of our Church has set Sunday, February 7, after worship in the Fellowship Hall as the official Annual Meeting of our Congregation. A luncheon will proceed the meeting. Acting upon a unanimous motion from the Finance Committee proposing the Session consider selling the Activity Building and the adjacent property. The Session approved the motion and it is to be voted upon at the Congregational meeting.

Members have asked several times about the amount for the Per Capita for 2016. It is \$30.34.



**Scout Sunday**--Cub Scout Pack 15 and Boy Scout Troop 4 will be celebrating Scout Sunday on January 31<sup>st</sup> at First Presbyterian Church. They will be bringing cans to donate to Souper Bowl Sunday the next Sunday, February 7. Church members may want to start bringing canned goods in that day also. The scouts will be collecting them for the church.



**In support of our local FISH, the January Meal a Month**-- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese mix, can of evaporated milk, can of green beans, can of peaches. Please put in the box in the Narthex

For your faith enrichment throughout the coming week,

the [Bible passages for next Sunday](#) are:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21.

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](http://www.pcusa.org/devotions/podcast).

You also may want to look them up at: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

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



Thanks to Jeanna Powell (See John 2:1-11) 09-23-2005

WINE IS GREAT AND ALL, BUT WHAT ABOUT SOME MOCHA FRAPPUCCINOS?

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Joanna Shaver, Wedding Coordinator  
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**THE SESSION**

**CLASS OF 2016**  
Nancy Bray  
John Broeckling  
Caroline Manuel  
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

**Race Relations Sunday--**

Today, Sunday, Jan. 17, is [Race Relations Sunday](#), also known as Human Relations Sunday. It is fitting that this Sunday falls so close to [The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday](#), on Monday, Jan. 18. Rev. King is certainly someone who answered God's call. Here is what another minister said about him: *Dr. King died at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968, a few months short of his fortieth birthday. Human history has forever been changed by the movement he headed. Our current level of sensitivity to human rights issues and inclusiveness can be traced to the strides gained by the Civil Rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a rare human being who sacrificed his life for a vision of equality for every person, not just African Americans. On November 2, 1983, both the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed that we should never forget Dr. King's contributions to the world: the third Monday in January was declared a national holiday.* [Written by The Rev. Dr. Safiyah Fosua. Rev. Fosua, ordained as a Methodist clergy, often contributes to the *Upper Room* publications and has served as a missionary to Ghana, Africa.] For more information visit the Presbyterian website at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

**Prayer**

Gracious God, you create us and love us; you make us to live together in a community. We thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to make bring your vision into reality. Fill us with your vision. Guide us to live by your vision, working to build the beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

[Based on the Writings of Dr. Martin Luther King]