

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 Ruth Needle.

Visitor last Sunday was Greg Wilhelm.

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, Bruce Woods

In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; David Parkinson, Travis Air Force Base, CA; 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 "The 12 names of Jesus". This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, 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.

Today, June 19, Joe Regenhardt will be our special guest to share with the congregation the "Real Story" behind our baptismal font. His story as an infant and the prayers of this congregation and many others make his visit to our church very special.



There will be a reception to honor the retirement of Kim and Rebecca Nelson on Sunday, June 26, 2016 immediately following church service. Cake and refreshments will be served. There will be a basket for cards.

CALENDAR Sunday 6/19

Pray for
10:00 am
10:30 am

Ashley VanGorkam (Birthday)
Coffee & fellowship
Worship Service

Tuesday 6/21

Pray for

Julie Harrison (Birthday)
Charles & Jane Hirsch (Anniversary)

Wednesday 6/22

Pray for

Horton & Carol Miller (Anniversary)

Sunday 6/26

Pray for
10:00 am
10:30 am
Noon

Bill & Georganne Syler (Anniversary)
Coffee & fellowship
Worship Service
Reception for Kim & Rebecca Nelson



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.

Today, the third Sunday in June, is Father's Day. It was originally observed in churches in the early 1900s. As a cultural holiday it serves to honor all fathers.



Ideas for a Father's Day Family Movie Night--

Watch a movie about a father's relationship with his children. Some to consider are: *The Pursuit of Happyness; Liar, Liar; Father of the Bride; Parenthood; The Lion King; Parent Trap; Up!* (The latter is not a biological father-son relationship but shows a relationship between a child and an adult that grows and becomes a father-son relationship). Talk together about what you see in the movie that shows how fathers can care for those in their families in good ways.

Prayer: Lord, there are many things you need done but we are often surprised to find who you send to do them. Help us to focus on what needs to be done rather than who is doing it so that there are roles for all of us in your church. Amen.

Thought for the week: "We all long for heaven where God is but we have it in our power to be in heaven with Him right now - to be happy with Him at this very moment. But being happy with him now means: loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with him for all the twenty four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise. (Mother Teresa/A Gift For God)



In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the June Meal a Month- Package of Pancake mix (add water only) bottle of pancake syrup, 2 Cans of fruit. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



The Christian Education committee is needing volunteers for VBS Our theme this year is called UNDER CONSTRUCTION (Habitat for Humanity) The dates to remember Sunday, June 26 - Wednesday, June 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please see or call Melissa Harris if you were interested 579-4977 We need help in all areas. Snacks, crafts, games, and Bible lessons for the children.

The Mission Committee and the Safe House need your help! Mission would like to help the Safe House with supplies for the summer. They have a great need for cleaning supplies, office copy paper and manila envelopes to help process their clients. We will be collecting supplies until the July Fourth holiday. For a list of specific cleaning products see First Facts!

The Rev. Dr. Anita Hendrix will be in the pulpit on July 3. She began service as Presbytery Leader for Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery on July 1, 2014. Prior to her arrival, she was the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Riverside. Previous ministry includes: Pastor of an urban church, Hunting Ridge (Baltimore, Maryland), Interim Pastor of Preble Park Presbyterian Church (Green Bay, Wisconsin), Campus Pastor at the University of Wisconsin, Associate Executive for the Presbytery of Long Island, and Associate Pastor of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church (Wilmington, Delaware). She received a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a B.A. from the University of Maryland in College Park.

Anita has two young adult children: David in Southern California, and Eva in Baltimore



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

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1,13-25, Luke 9:51-62.

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



GREAT, THERE WENT OUR CHANCES FOR WINNING THE FATHER & SON BOWL-OFF

♪ Music Notes



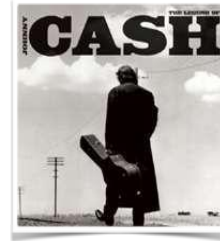
This is My Father's World is from a poem by the Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), a New York native, published posthumously in 1901. Babcock, a skilled athlete and accomplished musician, served pastorates in Lockport, NY, Baltimore, MD, and the famous Brick Church in NYC. Rizk's **Stories of the Christian Hymns** says that Rev. Babcock would often take morning walks telling people that "I'm going out to see my Father's world." On a hill near Lockport he could see Lake Ontario and listen to over forty varieties of birds in a nearby sanctuary. The hymn is more than a nature hymn; it is also about God's presence and purpose.

Rev. Babcock was one of the outstanding Presbyterian ministers of his generation, and a popular speaker on many college campuses. "Be Strong" is another Babcock poem: **We are not here to play, to dream, to drift, We have hard work to do, and loads to lift, Shun not the struggle; face it; 'Tis God's gift.** Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930) adapted the English tune, "Terra Beata," (Latin for "blessed earth") for use with Babcock's text. The hymn was first published in a Presbyterian Sunday School book published in 1915.

Hollywood has used the instrumental version of the hymn in the "Shire Theme" from the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy and also in the PBS documentary on the "National Parks" by Ken Burns.

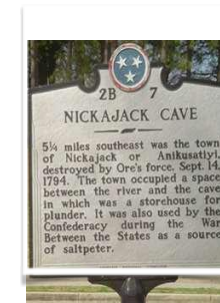
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (#8) is known as the Navy Hymn. It was originally written in 1860 by the Englishman William Whiting (1925-1878) as a poem for a young student setting sail to America. The tune is by another Englishman, the Rev. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), an English vicar, and later a Bishop of Calcutta, India. Our hymnal has six hymns by Dykes, including "Holy, Holy, Holy" (#138). The tune name, "Melita," is from the island now known as Malta, mentioned in Acts 28:1, where the Apostle Paul reached after his shipwreck. Wikipedia on the Internet has several versions for various military and civilian occasions. It notes that verse one "refers to God's forbidding the waters to flood the earth as described in Ps. 104. The second verse refers to Jesus' miracles of stilling a storm and walking on the waters of the Sea of Galilee. The third verse references the Holy Spirit role in the creation of the earth in the Book of Genesis, while the final verse is a reference to Psalm 107." This hymn was a favorite of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who also served as Secretary of the Navy. It was played at his funeral, and also at the funerals of Presidents John F. Kennedy, who was a PT boat commander in WWII, Ronald Reagan, and Gerald Ford.

God Can Find You Even in Nickajack Cave by S.L. Galletano



Most people know the basic story behind Cash. He was raised in poverty in Dyess, Arkansas. He and his brother, Jack, helped their parents pick cotton as soon as they could hold the bags. His abusive father always favored Jack over J.R., as he was then called, and blamed him for Jack's horrible death when he was pulled into a table saw. The pain and anguish of his childhood was never far from his thoughts, although he tried in many ways to bury it. He left Dyess to enlist in the Air Force, his ticket out of the pain and dismal poverty of his childhood. When he returned from the service, he moved to Memphis and the rest is history.

A few years of the lifestyle of touring musicians took its toll on him. He turned to booze and amphetamines, which were easy to get at the time, and eventually to barbiturates to bring him down from the uppers. Johnny Cash was an addict waiting to happen and it didn't take long for him to get hooked. He loved the energy of the amphetamines, but they impaired his already radical behavior. He began carrying guns and firing them for no reason. Once he and Sammy Davis Jr. got thrown out of a hotel in Australia when they staged a gun fight in the lobby in front of guests. They only fired blanks, but they scared everyone to death. He chopped through locked doors in hotels with a hatchet to wake up his band. He dropped a huge load of horse manure in one hotel lobby. He and his tour started carrying a chain saw in the car and when they would roll into a town in the early dawn hours, they would find the nicest, neatest yard in town and cut down one of the trees. There seemed to be no end to the mischief and destruction that he could do. He ruined his career and marriage due to his addiction. No one wanted to hear anything more about Johnny Cash. He was no longer welcome in most country music halls.



When his pain and misery overtook him, he decided to end it all. In 1967, drugged almost out of his mind, he went to Nickajack Cave in Marion County, Tennessee, to end his life. He crawled for what seemed like hours on his belly and knees in pitch-black darkness until his flashlight went out, and then he laid down to die. The man in black was as far away from God as he could get. He had turned away from the light and embraced the darkness, almost begging it to take him out of the world. To his surprise, he had a spiritual awakening there on his belly in Nickajack Cave. God told him He wasn't through with him yet and that his days as a drug addict were numbered. Without a light, he crawled back out of the cave the same way he had crawled in and found his mother and June Carter waiting outside the cave for him. His mother, who lived in California at the time, had flown to Tennessee because she had a premonition that he needed her. In the next month he detoxed from pills and booze and recharged his career in music. He focused his music on those people, who like him, had been through the darkness and wanted to find the light. He sang at prisons and for presidents. He understood what lay in the darkness because he had crawled every inch of it on his belly to get to the light. He saw the souls of the prisoners and the down-and-out addicts, and he never forgot that kind of pain. If you're stuck in the mire of the darkness, listen to the man in black. Crawl to the light and He will be there waiting for you.