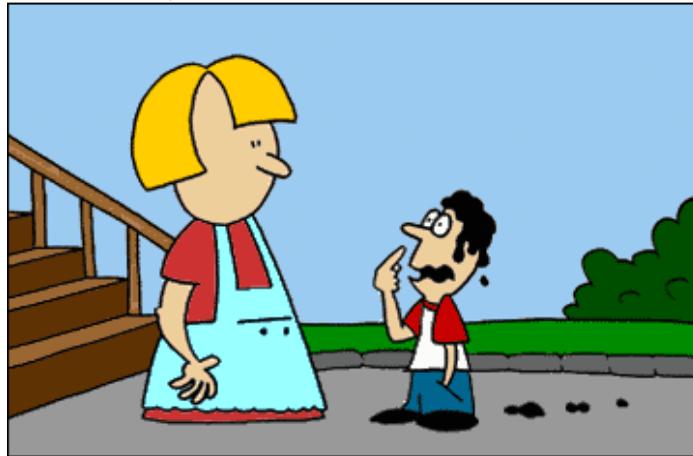


Faith and Film Discussion Group for April. We are again excited to have more new movies for upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On **Sunday, April 3, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim's home to discuss *The Young Messiah* (opens March 11) and *Miracles from Heaven* (opens 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.

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I WAS PLAYING WITH BILLY IN THE GARAGE
AND HE ANOINTED MY HEAD WITH OIL

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 Kathy Brown.

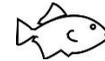
Visitor Last Sunday was Laura Michaud

Ushers for this morning are Bob & Ann Parkinson and Sam & Sharon McCune.

Pastoral Care: Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Paul Rice, Brucee Woods, Joe Hirsch

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 3/13	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Gather Share & Eat
Tuesday 3/15	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday 3/16	Pray for	Judith Farris (birthday)
	5:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 3/18	Pray for	Dusti & Tami Miller (anniversary)
Sunday 3/20	Pray for	Phillip & Joanna Shaver (anniversary)
	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Session Meeting



Gather, Share, and Eat. Please come join us for the March Gather, Share, and Eat **today**, 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, fun, and friendship. Hope to see you there!



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.



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.

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

♪ Music Notes

March is Women’s History Month. The Presbyterian website, www.pcusa.org/women, says that it is “a time to look at the women who came before us and women in our midst” and “it is a time for us to celebrate the stories of accomplishment and wonder in each woman’s life.” Throughout this month we will be featuring music by women.

[What a Friend We Have In Jesus](#) (#465) was written as a private hymn by Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) to his mother in Ireland. The music is by Charles Converse (1834-1918). Irishman Scriven graduated from Trinity College in Dublin and experienced much sorrow when his fiancée had a buggy accident and accidentally drowned the night before their wedding. He then moved to Canada where he joined the Plymouth Brethren and took the Sermon on the Mount literally. Engaged a second time he was utterly heartbroken when his fiancée became ill with a fever and died before that wedding. He then spent the rest of his life helping those less fortunate. Could you claim “what a friend we have in Jesus” after experiencing such tragedy? Take a second look at the verses in this hymn. Composer Converse, an American, studied in Germany where he knew Franz Liszt (1811-1886). One source reports that during World War I this tune was paired with the words to “When This Bloody War is Over.”

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.

[Be Thou My Vision](#) is a setting of an 8th century Irish poem to the Irish tune, “Slane.” It may be named for Slane Hill that figures in the stories of St. Patrick. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931), an Irish linguist, and Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), the English founder of the Irish Text Society of London, developed the text as we know it today.

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