

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### THE SESSION

#### CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris  
Melissa Harris  
Janna Tuck  
Ray Wilhelm

#### CLASS OF 2018

Harvey Hecht  
Jeanne Hirsch

#### CLASS OF 2019

Mike Brown  
Joyce Rayfield  
Charles Wiles

### SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
10:45-11:30 Children and Youth Sunday School

### GENERAL NOTICES

Children are always welcome in worship.  
Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is provided during worship.  
The Session meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm..  
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 entity.



**Ushers for this morning** are Mike & Kathy Brown and John & Jeanne Hirsch.

**Lay Leader** this morning is Sharon Metcalfe.

**Visitors Last Sunday were:** Harriett Little, Rev. Dr. Thomas Usher, Wenona Usher.



**Pastoral Care:** Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Willie Phillips, Barb Taylor.




**In the Military:** Michelle Bryan, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Elgin Air Force Base, FL. (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephew); 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 AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Children and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Time for Young Disciples" in the worship service. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) is studying a series of lessons about "The Life of Jesus". The lessons this semester will focus on the early year's of Jesus's life, his Baptism, his teaching, and choosing his disciples. The class meets in the classroom next to the nursery. The Junior High Class is using *The Good News Bible* for a study of the 66 books of the Bible. The class looks at each book of the Bible and what lessons and stories it teaches. They are keeping a journal of important Bible verses. This class meets in their classroom on the second floor. **ALL CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE CLASSES.**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday 3/19	10:45 am	Worship Service Congregational Meeting
Tuesday 3/21	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday 3/23	Pray for 7:00 pm	Sheri Mitchell (birthday) Bob & Donna Pikey (anniversary) Choir Practice
Friday 3/24	Pray for	Ann Bartlet (birthday)
Saturday 3/25	Pray for	Ruby Rice, Ricky Ruditys (birthday)
Sunday 3/26	10:45 am	Worship Service

 **In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the March Meal a Month-** 2 cans of Tuna, Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup, Package of Noodles, Canned Fruit of Choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

 **Congregational Meeting** The congregation will meet for a special meeting following worship today, Sunday, March 19th, to act on the Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the session. Nancy Bray, an Elder who is presently serving as the Clerk of Session, is being nominated to complete the two years remaining on a term in the Class of 2018.

**New members** will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, April 9th. If you are considering becoming a member of this congregation please talk to Pastor Terry.

**Confirmation Class** will meet with Pastor Terry on Sunday, March 19th from noon to 4:00 for our young persons seeking membership in the church.

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** is meeting weekly this month to complete the Ministry Information Form used to advertise our pastoral position. Please pray for the committee's discernment as they seek God's will for our pastoral leadership.



***EASTER LILIES:***

Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. They may be purchased for (\$8.00 each) in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please complete this form and return it to the church along with your check or cash.

I/We wish to purchase an Easter lily.

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From \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies