

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 Horton Miller.

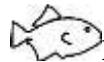
The Coffee Host This Morning is Melissa Harris.

Visitors Last Sunday were Terry Epling, Mark & Betsy Mueth, Bill & Linda Port, Wayne & Karen Wilde, Tedra Gee, Gregg Hopkins.

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 3/6	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	Adult Sunday School Class Coffee & fellowship Worship Service Faith & Film Discussion Group
Monday 3/7	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Property Meeting Mission Meeting
Tuesday 3/8	Pray for 11:00 am	Betty Sewell (birthday) Daytime Circle
Wednesday 3/9	Pray for 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Judy Rueseler, Jo Renfrow (birthday) Lenten Service Choir Practice
Thursday 3/10	Pray for 7:00 pm	Bryan Harris, Rachel Knapp (birthday) Book Club
Friday 3/11	Pray for	Judy Brown (birthday)
Sunday 3/13	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am Noon	Adult Sunday School Class Coffee & fellowship Worship Service Gather Share & Eat

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.

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, fun, and friendship. We need your reservations in to the church office or on the pew pads. 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.

♪ 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.



Eleanor Farjeon The text of [Morning Has Broken](#) was written in 1931 by the London poet and children's author, Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) in 1931. Another hymn by Farjeon is "People, Look East." The Gaelic tune, "Bunessan," is also used in our hymns, "Baptized in Water" and "Christ Beside Me." Many may recall the popular version by Cat Stevens in the 1970s. The 1931 version was written as a hymn to give thanks each day. How do you give thanks each day?

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."

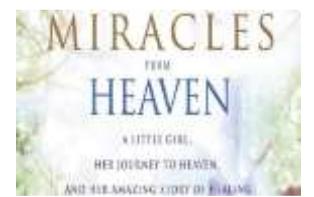
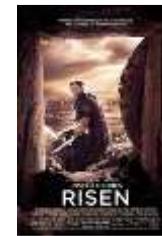
[O Lord, Hear My Prayer](#) (#471) is from the ecumenical community of Taizé, located in the Burgundy region of France. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians from many nations gather there each week for prayer and meditation. Last fall we sang "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (#654), another 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.

[And the Father Will Dance](#) is by the prolific composer of modern church musician, Mark Hayes (b.1953). The text is inspired by several scriptures: "Sing, O Daughter of Zion; Shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!," and "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" is from Zephaniah 3:14 & 17 (NIV). It also uses these verses from the Psalms: "My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice" and "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:2 & 4). The image of God rejoicing over us is certainly appropriate for our understanding of the Prodigal Son story featured in our Gospel Lesson today.

[Amazing Grace](#) is the well-loved hymn by John Newton (1725-1807), an English clergyman and former slave ship captain. To see a clip of the 2006 movie go to www.amazinggracemovie.com. Some interesting facts from the website: *Amazing Grace* was included in soldiers' hymnals during the Civil War. In the 1960s Civil Rights protestors sang it during freedom marches in the South. It was performed by Arlo Guthrie at Woodstock. *Amazing Grace* was the most performed song in memorial services following the tragedy of 9/11. Some additional items of interest (from wikipedia): Its association with bagpipes is a modern adaptation—and in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn* (1982) Mr. Scott played it on bagpipes during the funeral for Mr. Spock. The Cherokees on the "Trail of Tears" sang *Amazing Grace* when unable to give their dead a full burial. The Cherokee words are in our hymnal, as are other Native American verses. It has been recorded by everyone from Elvis to Judy Collins, and more. Check out the very inspiring Wintley Phipps version (8 minutes) on youtube.com. It will give you chills!

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

Faith and Film Discussion Group-March. We are blessed to have some new movies for some upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. **Today, 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 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.



The Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669)



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

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

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.

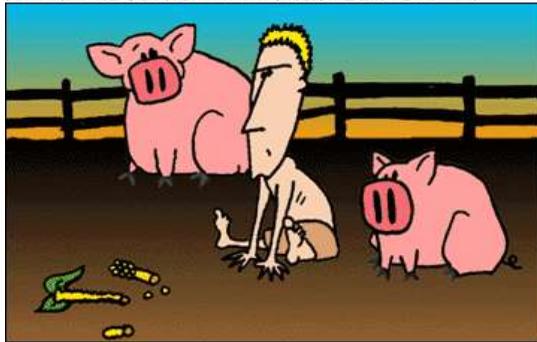
You also may want to look them up at: www.biblegateway.com

Thought for the week:

“We search for God in a far country while God waits for us at home.”

by Meister Eckhardt

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 15) 07-17-2002
IT WAS THE TRUFFLE-SNIFFING LESSONS THAT FINALLY CONVINCED THE PRODIGAL SON TO RETURN HOME

DON'T FORGET



March 13

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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