

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
Melissa Harris
Janna Tuck
Ray Wilhelm

CLASS OF 2018

Nancy Bray
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 Joyce Rayfield & Ann Ritter and Paul & Donna Farris.

Lay Leader this morning is Sharon Metcalfe.



Pastoral Care: Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, 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 5/14	10:45 am	Worship Service Mothers Day
Tuesday 5/16	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday 5/18	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 5/19	Pray for 7:00 pm	Paul Farris (birthday) Tunes at Twilight
Saturday 5/20	Pray for	Dixie Hopkins (birthday)
Sunday 5/21	Pray for 10:45 am Noon	Sarah Ross (birthday) Worship Service Gather, Share & Eat



At this time **COFFEE** will be available before church in the Atrium area off of the Narthex. If you don't know where this is, ask an usher and enjoy a cup of coffee with others.



In support of our local **FISH Food Pantry**, the **May Meal-a-Month** is Jar of Peanut Butter, Jar of Jelly or Jam, 2 Cans Fruit of Choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



The next **Gather, Share & Eat** will be **May 21st**. The menu will be Grilled pork loin, Roasted potatoes, Salad, Glazed carrots, Hot Rolls, Lemon bars & Brownies for dessert. Please sign the pew pad or call the office (335-2579) if you plan to attend.



Starting **June 5th**, the church office will be closed every **Monday**. It will also be closed for **Memorial Day on May 29th**.



God We Praise You for the Women

BEACH SPRING

¹God, we praise you for the women
who have taught us to be strong,
who have held us, who have raised us
with a prayer and with a song.

²Sarah laughed to hear the promise--
God would bless her with a son;
Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted
till she saw what God had done.

³Pharaoh's daughter, like a mother,
lifted Moses from a pool,
brought him safely to the palace
where a slave would go to school.

⁴Mary watched the killing madness
as her son died on the cross;
she who knew the joy of childbirth
now was torn by bitter loss.

⁵As her life drew on toward evening,
after she had raised her own,
Lois held her baby grandson,
told him of God's love made known.

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