

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 this morning is Bob Herbst.

Ushers for this morning are

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Kali Essner, Kathy Beck, Dave & Stephanie Bengtson, Walt & Karen Wilde

Pastoral Care: Myra Peo, Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Bill Stover, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Fern Harris, Charles Wiles, Paul Rice, Judy Rueseler

In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Donald Shaver (brother-in-law of Joanna Shaver), Cape Girardeau; 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); 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.

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.

In support of our local FISH, the November Meal a Month- 2 cans tomato soup, 1 can evaporated milk, box of crackers, 2 Cans fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

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.

CALENDAR Sunday 11/15

Pray for
9:00 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
Noon

Sharon McCune (birthday)
Embracing God's Word Adult Class
Coffee & fellowship
Worship Service
Session Meeting

Monday 11/16

Pray for
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Sharon Metcalfe (birthday)
Hand Bells
Choir Practice

Wednesday 11/18

Pray for
9:00 am
10:00 am
10:30 am

Donna Farris (birthday)
Woody Woodfin (birthday)
Embracing God's Word Adult Class
Coffee & fellowship
Worship Service

Thursday 11/19

Sunday 11/22

Decorate the Church--Holiday Decorations--On **Sunday, Nov. 22**, the Worship and Arts team invites all of you to begin to decorate our church for Advent. We will start decorating after our service. Please consider staying and helping to make our church festive for the holiday season.



Hannah prays for a child.

From a 10th century French Psalter. Public Domain.

“Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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I'VE REALLY ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER TODAY ... WANNA MAKE THIS A REGULAR WEEKLY THING?

♪ Music Notes

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (#687) has a text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). The hymn is based on Psalm 90 and reminds us that God is our help in the past, present, and future. *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion* says that the tune, published in 1708, is attributed to William Croft (1678-1727), and named for St. Anne's Church in Soho. Croft was a composer for Queen Anne and an organist at Westminster Abbey. The tune was used by both G. F. Handel (1685-1759) and J. S. Bach (1685-1750) in compositions—quite a compliment to the composer! The text, based on Psalm 90, was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Watts is generally considered as the “Father of English hymnody” and is buried in Westminster Abbey. The hymn was sung at Winston Churchill’s funeral in 1965.

The text of **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less** (#353) is by the Rev. Edward Mote (1797-1874), the son of English pub owners, and a minister for almost three decades. The music is by East Coast organist and composer William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), who wrote several hymns. These include “Jesus Loves Me,” “Just As I Am,” and “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.” He also wrote “He Leadeth Me” and “Sweet Hour of Prayer.”

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



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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2015

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SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 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 Wednesday of the month.
The Church Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.
The Church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 4, David Remley Scoutmaster, and
Cub Scout Pack 15, Brian Hall Cubmaster