

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Nancy Bray
John Broeckling
Caroline Manuel
Joanna Shaver

CLASS OF 2017

Paul Farris
Melissa Harris
Janna Tuck
Ray Wilhelm

CLASS OF 2018

Barbara Calvin
Harvey Hecht
Jeanne Hirsch

SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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 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 identity.

Lay Leader is Sharon Metcalfe.

Visitors last Sunday were Emma & Joey Martz, Charlotte B Sargent, Charlotte P. Sargent, Pat Rowland.



Ushers for this morning are Ruth Needle & Joyce Rayfield and Sarah Ross & Nancy Bray.



Pastoral Care: Donne Williams, Ray Ritter, Jack Wyant, Barbara Calvin, Donna Robert (friend of Donna Farris), Ruth Jean Field Lange,



In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; David Parkinson, Travis Air Force Base, 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's and Youth Classes meet in their classrooms directly after the "Kid's Message" in the worship service. The Elementary Class (Kindergarten through Fourth Grade) will meet in the classroom next to the Nursery. Cherie Herbst and Kathy Woodfin will be teaching this class. The curriculum will continue to focus on "The Stories of the Old Testament" based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Middle School/Junior High Class will meet in their classroom upstairs on the second floor. Their lessons are focusing on a study of the 66 books of the Bible and on how to use the Bible as a part of their everyday lives. This class is taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Laura Brown.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Please join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the adult library. The Christian Outreach committee met in August with Sam Roethemeyer and he talked about the book "Pray Like Jesus" by John R. Brokoff. This is a great opportunity for us to learn to pray like Jesus. We will read a chapter on our own time and return on the next Sunday to discuss it. There are books available in the church office if you are interested. This is a study that will conclude by Christmas. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Nancy Bray or Melissa Harris.



CALENDAR

Sunday 11/27	10:30 am	Worship Service (Terry Epling)
Monday 11/28	Pray for	Bill Syler (birthday)
Wednesday 11/30	Pray for	Annabelle Spencer (birthday)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 12/2	Pray for	Emma Broeckling (birthday)
Sunday 12/4	10:30 am	Worship Service (Terry Epling)



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 Food Pantry, the December Meal a Month- 2 cans white beans, 2 package Jiffy type cornbread mix, Can of fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



The Second Tuesday at the Chateau will NOT meet in December. We will resume after New Year's, meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. More details will be available in the January newsletter.



Fellowship & Christian Education is asking for donations of 2 dozen cookies to be brought to Gather, Share & Eat on December 11. These cookies will be delivered to shut in’s.



POINSETTIAS will once again fill the sanctuary beginning December 11th. If you wish to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one (or for any other reason of the season) please fill in the order blank below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during Sunday worship by December 5th. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$8.00 each.

I/We would like to place a poinsettia in the church sanctuary.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

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From _____