

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 Kathy Hargove & Evelyn Stover and Ray & Sandy Wilhelm.

Visitors Last Sunday were: Crissy & Azlin Mayberry, Pat Rowland, Lily Saupe.



Pastoral Care: Ray Ritter, Barb Taylor.



In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Qatar (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)



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 is 2 cans white beans, 2pkg. Jiffy type cornbread mix, Can of fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



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

SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU will NOT meet in December but will resume in January. Watch for the next newsletter for details.

CALENDAR

Sunday 11/26	Pray for	Jim Logan (birthday) Rob & Sarah Ross, Paul & Donna Farris (anniversary)
	10:30 am	Worship Service Hanging of the Greens
Monday 11/27	Office	Closed
Tuesday 11/28	Pray for	Bill Syler (birthday)
Thursday 11/30	Pray for	Annabelle Spencer (birthday)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 12/2	Pray for	Emma Broeckling (birthday)
Sunday 12/3	10:30 am	Communion Worship Service Ordination & Installation
	Noon	Reception & thankyou for Rev. Terry Epling



After church, today, we will begin to decorate the sanctuary and the rest of the church for the Christmas season. We hope you will consider being a part of the decorating crew! We will have a light lunch with sandwiches available for all of you decorating elves! We are fortunate Terry Epling will be with us because he says he LOVES Christmas decorating !!!



Today, November 26th, come to the activity building across the street and watch the Parade of Lights, while enjoying a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Bathrooms and chairs will be available if you want to watch from inside away from the cold. This is sponsored by our cub scout pack. Parade starts at 5 pm. Even if you want to sit outside to watch the parade, you can come inside the activity building to warm up, use the bathrooms, or have hot refreshments. To park in the parking lot, we are asking for \$5 donation per car to help cover the cost of the hot drinks.

Thank you
Terry Epling
Thank you

The Session of First Presbyterian Church invites you to attend a luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, December 3, 2017, to help honor and express our gratitude to Reverend Terry Epling for his faithful Interim ministry to our church since October, 2016. Terry's wife, the Reverend Annie Epling and their children, will join us for worship and fellowship that day. Please make your reservation to be part of this occasion and enjoy a pork tenderloin meal by signing a pew pad or calling the church office by Friday, December 1.



POINSETTIAS will once again fill the sanctuary beginning December 10th. 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 6th. 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 _____