

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.



Ushers for this morning are Bryan & Melissa Harris and Sarah Ross & Sam Bishop.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Ben Barren, Ruth Warner, Penny & Jerry Blumenthal.

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

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in memory of Bill Needle's birthday (Oct 1) from his wife Ruth Needle.



In support of our local FISH, the October Meal a Month- 2 cans Kidney Beans, 2 cans Tomatoes, Chili seasoning packet, 2 Cans fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

CALENDAR

Sunday 9/27	Pray for 10:00 am 10:30 am	New Castle Presbytery Coffee & fellowship Worship Service
Monday 9/28	Pray for	The Presbytery of New Hope
Tuesday 9/29	Pray for 6:30 pm	The Presbytery of the Peaks Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday 9/30	Pray for 7:30 pm	Shirley Gibson (birthday) Choir practice
Thursday 10/1	Pray for	Sharon McNeely (birthday)
Friday 10/2	Pray for	Scott Harrison (birthday) Pete & Peg Hirschburg (anniversary)
Saturday 10/3	Pray for	Ann Parkinson, Marge Waller, Ray Wilhelm (birthday)
Sunday 10/4	Pray for 10:00 am 10:30 am	Erica McBride (birthday) Coffee & fellowship Communion Worship Service



Quilt Tour 2015, Today, Sunday, September 27, noon to 4:00 pm. Quilts, Quilts, and More Quilts! Enjoy the beautiful quilts, heritage homes and rich history of the area. Quilts will be displayed at The Glenn House, Oliver House Museum, The Red House Interpretive Center, Quilt R's Market & More, & Cape Girardeau County History Center. See the flier on church bulletin board for more info or call the Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Whitewater Presbyterian Church Presents Musical guests "Southern Harmony". Join them today, Sunday September 27th at 5:00pm for a musical worship service & ice cream and dessert. Free admission. For directions or more information check flier on our bulletin board.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Mornings-Embracing God's Word—Beginning Sunday, October 4, at 9:00 am in the Church Library, our Pastor will be teaching an introductory course to the Bible. This survey course will give the student a broad view of the Books of the Bible and answer questions like "Why do we have the Books of the Bible that we do?" and "Who really wrote the Bible?" There will be a historical timeline of the Bible and an examination of famous Biblical texts. This hour long ten week class will conclude on December 13.

The Daytime Circle will meet in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 to let one of them know you plan to attend. The discussion will be on Lesson 6 from our study book, "PSALMS", by Sue Edwards. Or – read Psalms 51 and 32 and you will be ready to participate.




A BIG THANKYOU to Melissa Harris and the Congregation for the baby shower and all the gifts. We are grateful and feel blessed to be part of the church family.
Dusti & Tami Miller

First Presbyterian church of Cape and Jackson are joining together to have a Halloween party.



This year it will be at the Jackson First Presbyterian Church. It is Sunday, October 18th from 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. You can wear your costume if you like but you do not have to. There will be lots of snacks. We have some fun games planned, including the kids favorite... cake walk, bean bag toss and a new one...it's a surprise! We also will be doing a couple of crafts which involve paint. Sandy Rahlfs (from 1st Pres in Jackson) and Melissa hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Melissa Harris at 579-4977 by October 14.

 **Cans**—The recycling bin in the Narthex is not only for bulletins. We are still collecting cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Bring your bag of cans for recycling. Do something good for yourself, a charity and the planet.

We now have the newsletters, bulletins and sermons on our website. [The first of the year](#), we will no longer mail the newsletters to everyone. We will post them on our website and have copies in the narthex. If you do not have access to a computer and can't make it to church, call the office and we will add you to a short mailing list. You will be able to see the newsletters much quicker than mailing them and save the church money. www.firstpccape.org

What is a Christian Educator?



“Christian educators are persons called by God to a ministry of education who demonstrate their faith in and love for Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the life of faith and are serious in purpose, honest in character, and joyful in service ... It is expected that Christian educators be persons with skills and training in biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, human development, religious education theory and practice, and the polity, programs, and mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)” (a previous edition of the *Book of Order* G-14.0710 and G.14-0711.)

The Rev. Dr. Kim L. Nelson, is leading a discussion on the ground-breaking book, *Jesus, The Bible, and Homosexuality Exploding the Myths, Healing the Church*, written by Dr. Jack Rogers, a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, and a leading evangelical pastoral voice in America as well as a recently retired professor from Fuller Theological Seminary.

We are in a time when many people are quoting the Bible incorrectly and out of context. Our conversations are not upholding Christ's command to love one another whether it is a county clerk in Kentucky, a politician trying to energize an electorate, or clergy speaking of judgement of others. Is it not possible to reexamine God's Word and discover a new understanding of loving our neighbor, whoever that might be? This is a time to open our eyes, ears and hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit to become a more faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Kim L. Nelson

This six week class/discussion will begin on Sunday, October 4, 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Each class will be 90 minutes. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book on line prior to the class. Free child-care is available but reservations for child-care are required by calling the church office at 573-335-2579.

~~MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—Join Us!~~

♪ First Presbyterian Adult Choir

We are rehearsing now on Wednesday evenings in the 2nd floor Music Room from 7:30-8:30 pm. We sing on Sundays at the 10:30 am Worship Service after a brief warm-up at 10:00 am. Open to high school students and adults, and all levels of singers.

♪ First Presbyterian Handbell Ringers

Rehearsals begin on Wed, Oct. 7, 6:15 to 7:15 pm.

We hope to ring for special times at the 10:30 am Worship Service. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Rehearsals are the “Upper Room” on the 3rd level. All levels of ringers are welcome to join!

♪ First Presbyterian Children's Music

This is a “user-friendly” program for busy parents and children. Rehearsals are usually at home via youtube.com or CDs, and at your convenience. The children usually sing once a month, usually on the second Sunday, with a brief rehearsal before church. See the Children's Choir Folder on the Bulletin Board in the Atrium for more information, or call the church office.

♪ Music Notes

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (#471) is from the ecumenical community of Taizé in the Burgundy region of France. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians from many nations gather each week for prayer and meditation. An amazing number (21!!) of their musical prayers are in our hymnal including *Live in Charity* (#205 *Ubi Caritas*), *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (#466 *Confitemini Domino*), and *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (#654). Another favorite, “Jesus Remember Me” (#227), was written for the World Council of Churches. For more information visit their website at: www.taize.fr

The Swedish folk tune and text of *How Great Thou Art* is a favorite 20th Century hymn for many churches. In 1886 the Rev. Carl Boberg, a Swedish pastor, wrote the original poem, “O Store Gud.” Then in 1933 the Rev. Stuart K. Hine and his wife, English missionaries to the Ukraine, learned about the hymn. After returning to England during WWII, Rev. Hine completed an English text for the hymn. It became a universally known hymn (Korean and Spanish verses are in our hymnal) during the Billy Graham crusades. Recorded by many singers, the hymn speaks of the majesty and wonder of God.

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

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THE SESSION

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SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 A.M. Adult Education Class
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