

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 John & Jeanne Hirsch, Sharon McCune, and Donna Pikey.

Elders Serving Communion: Sue and Ed Burford, Carol and Horton Miller

Visitors Last Sunday were: Pamela Moulin

Lay Leader this morning is Janna Tuck.



Pastoral Care: 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 second Sunday of every month we will be having a Kids Message. We would like the kids to bring in some food for the meal of the month. Check the Meal-a-Month for the current list of food. Children's Sunday school will start September 10 right after the Kids Message Hope to see you there!



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.

CALENDAR

Sunday 9/3	10:30 am	Communion Worship Service
Monday 9/4		Office Closed
	Pray for	Vi Smith (birthday)
Wednesday 9/6	Pray for	Don & Shirley Gibson (anniversary) Evelyn Stover (birthday)
Thursday 9/7	Pray for	Tami Miller (birthday)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 9/8	6:00-8:00 pm	Church Garage Sale (Activity Bldg)
	6:30 pm	Tunes at Twilight
Saturday 9/9	7:00-12:00 pm	Church Garage Sale (Activity Bldg)
Sunday 9/10	10:30 am	Worship Service
	Pray for	Melissa & Bryan Harris (anniversary)



In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the September Meal-a-Month is

2 cans beef ravioli, 2 cans green beans, Can of Applesauce. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



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.



Garage Sale-Sept 8th 6:00 pm & Sept 9th 7:00 am-Activity Building-Preparations for the Garage Sale are well underway. We have spent several days picking up and sorting and we are still open for donations. Our categories are: Bathroom, Décor, Electronics, Furniture, Holiday, Kitchen, Outdoor, Tools, Toys & Games and Miscellaneous. For additional pickups, call Georganne Syler or Donna Pikey. If you can transport your own items, one of us will meet you to help unload. Remember...No Clothes! **Thanks to all who are helping on this Mission Project. You are so appreciated!!** Proceeds will be going to the Womens Safe House.



Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet in the Chateau Dining Room at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for lunch and fellowship. We will order off the menu with each person being responsible for their own lunch. Please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 if you would like to attend so that arrangements can be made to accommodate all of us. All are welcome.



The next meeting of the book club will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the home of Sharon Metcalfe. The book under discussion is "All Together in One Place" by Jane Kirkpatrick.

Rev. Dr. Ruben Rosario Rodriquez will be in the pulpit today.

The Rev. Dr. Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, a graduate of Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries, is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Saint Louis University. He is a recipient of the Louisville Institute First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars (2005) whose first book, *Racism and God-Talk: A Latino/a Perspective* (NYU Press, 2008), won the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for Theology (2011). His second book from Cambridge University Press, entitled *Christian Martyrdom and Political Violence: A Comparative Theology with Judaism and Islam*, was published this past summer, and his third book, *Dogmatics After Babel: Beyond the Theologies of Word and Culture* (Westminster John Knox Press) is scheduled for a March 2018 release. He is currently editing the *T&T Clark Companion to Political Theology* (2018), a 250,000-word anthology with contributions from 34 leading scholars exploring the complex relationship between the theological and the political.

Upcoming Sermon Series and Book Study--People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by practices that produce fruit in their lives and community. We'll explore those practices in a five week sermon series and book study beginning September 17th. These basic practices are critical to the success of our congregation as we seek to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. **To get a book and join the conversation**, indicate your interest on the pew pad. We'll let you know when the books are available.

The Nominating Committee of our Congregation has begun meeting to prepare a slate of 3 nominees for the office of Elder for a three year term (the class of 2020). If you would like to be considered as a nominee for Elder or want to suggest a church member as a possible nominee, please speak with one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Co-chairs Melissa Harris and Jeanne Hirsch and members Ed Burford, Sharon McCune, Donna Pikey and Sandy Wilhelm.

