

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 Kate Broeckling.

Ushers for this morning are Bryan & Melissa Harris, Kathy Hargrove, Ruth Needle.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Ruth Warner, Jackson, MO

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)

Nursery: Staffed by our very talented Kathy Woodfin, our nursery is open from 9am Sunday morning through our worship service, for children birth through kindergarten. Children will be escorted upstairs from the nursery to the worship service for the "Kid's Message" and then will return to the nursery. In the nursery they may participate in a brief Sunday School lesson and activity. Children are welcome to join their parents for the worship service at any time. **Parents come to the nursery after worship to pick up their children.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY! Both Children's Sunday School Classes will begin their new studies on today. They 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 in the sanctuary today are given by Pastor and Rebecca Nelson in honor of Rebecca's mother's birthday.

CALENDAR

Sunday 9/13	Pray for 10:00 am 10:30 am Noon 2:00 pm	Ryan Vangorkom, Jenna McAbee (birthday), Coffee & fellowship Worship Service Annual Picnic Dusti & Tami Baby Shower
Monday 9/14	Pray for 7:00 pm	Rob & Donne Williams (anniversary) Property Committee
Tuesday 9/15	Pray for 6:30 pm	Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery Christian Outreach
Wednesday 9/16	Pray for 7:30 pm	The Presbytery of Baltimore. Choir practice
Thursday 9/17	Pray for	The Presbytery of Charlotte
Friday 9/18	Pray for 6:30 pm	Paul & Ruth Pautler (anniversary) Margaret "Honey" Baker (birthday) John Cook (birthday) Tunes at Twilight
Saturday 9/19	Pray for	Presbytery of Eastern Virginia
Sunday 9/20	Pray for	Presbyterian Mission Agency

PICNIC! Join us for a picnic right after church service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

TODAY! You are invited to a baby shower for Dusti and Tami Miller at First Presbyterian church in the parlor 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

In support of our local FISH, the September Meal a Month- 2 cans beef ravioli, 2 cans green beans, Can Applesauce. Please put in the box in the Narthex.

Next Sunday 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.

The Nominating Committee of our congregation will begin meeting in the next few weeks to prepare the slate of nominees for the office of Elder for the Class of 2018. If you would like to be considered as a nominee or want to suggest a church member as a possible nominee, please speak with one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Elders Ruth Pautler and Nancy Bray, at-large committee members Kate Broeckling, Carol Miller, Sarah Ross and Ron Taylor. The term of office for an Elder on the Session is 3 years, and the Session has voted to begin meeting for lunch after church on the third Sunday instead of on Wednesday night.



 **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.

~~**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.



COMING UP NEXT ON "OLD TESTAMENT SURVIVOR" ... OUR CONTESTANTS FACE HUNGER AND HEAT ... PESTILENCE, PLAGUES, LOCUSTS, WAR, VENGEANCE, AND GNASHING OF TEETH

♪ **Music Notes**

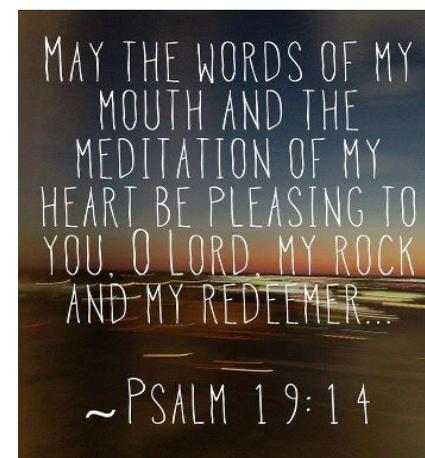
To God Be the Glory first appeared in an 1875 Sunday School book edited by the American composers, William H. Doane (1832-1915) and Robert Lowry. The text is by the American poetess, Fanny Crosby (1820-1915), a prolific hymn writer. Though she was blind, or maybe because of it, she wrote thousands—yes, thousands—of hymn texts including “Blessed Assurance.” In the mid-20th century the Billy Graham Crusades adopted “To God Be the Glory” for use in their meetings, first in England and then in the USA. It has been sung with great enthusiasm ever since.

This is the Day was written in 1967 by Leslie Garrett (b.1943). Garrett was born in New Zealand and later served as a pastor in Australia. The text is from Psalm 118:24. It is possible that the melody is a folk tune from the Fiji Islands.

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing was written in 1740 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) on the first anniversary of his conversion. It is one of fourteen hymns in our hymnal authored by Wesley, Wesley, and his brother, John Wesley, were both Anglican clergy and the founder of the Methodists. They wrote over 6000 hymns, including “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.” The 1828 tune, “Azmon,” is by the German composer, Carl Gotthelf Gläser (1784-1829), and was arranged by Lowell Mason (1792-1872). The Internet website, www.cyberhymnal.org says that when Mason lived in Boston, he was the first music teacher in a public school. It is interesting that David Crowder, a 21st century contemporary Christian Rock musician, has used this old hymn as a “praise song” for worship.

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



Children's Choir insert

This is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it:
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

**1) I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart
Down in my heart, Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay.**

**Chorus: And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart**

- I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart
Down in my heart, Down in my heart**
- I've got the peace that passes
understanding down in my heart...**

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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2015
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John Broeckling
Caroline Manuel
Joanna Shaver

CLASS OF 2017
Paul Farris
Melissa Harris
Janna Tuck
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SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 A.M. Adult Education/Discipleship 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