

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 Janna Tuck.

Ushers for this morning are Melissa & Bryan Harris, Emily Harris & Jeanne Hirsch.

Visitors Last Sunday Were: Mark & Betsy Mueth, Sara & Bill Shaver, John Shelton, William & Sheryl Spiecker.

Pastoral Care: Myra Peo, Dixie Hopkins, Becky Parkinson, Donne Williams, Bill Stover, Ray Ritter, Barbara Taylor, Sam McCune, 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 FOR THE SUMMER: the younger ones will continue to be in the nursery for Sunday School. The older children will meet in the children's library for the summer.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH Both Children's Sunday School Classes will begin their new studies on Sunday, September 13th. They will continue to 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.


CALENDAR

Sunday 9/6	Pray for 10:00 am Noon	Evelyn Stover (birthday), Don & Shirley Gibson (anniversary) Worship Service Movie Discussion
Monday 9/7	Pray for	Tami Miller (birthday) Labor Day, Office closed
Tuesday 9/8	Pray for 11:00 am	John Calvin Presbytery Daytime Circle
Wednesday 9/9	Pray for 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Missouri Union Presbytery Worship & Art Meeting Choir practice
Thursday 9/10	Pray for 7:00 pm	Bryan & Melissa Harris (anniversary) Book Club
Friday 9/11	Pray for 6:30 pm	The Presbytery of Southern Kansas Tunes at Twilight
Saturday 9/12	Pray for	Presbytery of Northern Kansas
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



A powerful movie opened August 28 for only 1 week. Today, Sunday, September 6, a discussion class about the movie will be held after worship. Child care will be available. War Room website <http://warroomthemovie.com/>


The Daytime Circle will meet at the home of Sharon Metcalfe, 2916 Bella Vista, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Please bring a sandwich - drinks and dessert will be provided. The discussion will be on Lesson 5 from our study book PSALMS by Sue Edwards.


 **Book Club-** The book club will meet on Thursday, September 10 at the home of Jean Cairns to discuss *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. The October meeting will be on Thursday, October 8 at the home of Ruth Needle. The October book is *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume. The November book selection is *Girl on the Train* by Paula Walker and the meeting will be on November 12 at Sharon Metcalfe's home. Join us! The reading of the selected book is optional.




Mark your calendar!! You are invited to a baby shower for Dusti and Tami Miller Sunday, September 13 at First Presbyterian church in the parlor 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Target and Babies R Us Please contact Melissa Harris if you would like to help out. RSVP to Melissa at 579-4977.

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.

 You're all invited to our annual picnic **on September 13, 2015** right after church service. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share with the group. There will be someone downstairs waiting to receive your dishes before Church begins. Morning coffee will start again that **Sunday at 10:00**. So come and join us.

 **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 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.

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IT'S TOO LATE NOW, LOT ... APPARENTLY WE SHOULD HAVE STARTED MONITORING HER SODIUM LEVELS A LONG, LONG TIME AGO

♪ **Music Notes**

All Who Hunger (#509) was composed by Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993), a United Church of Canada pastor. She began writing hymns in her youth and soon discovered that congregations liked the new words set to familiar tunes. The hymn tune "Holy Manna" composed by William Moore, a 19th century musician from Tennessee, is also known to many as "Christians/Brethren, We Have Met to Worship." Other settings are "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven," and John Bell's Easter hymn, "Christ Has Risen."

Healer of Our Every Ill (# 795) is by the composer, Marty Haugen (b.1950). This song is a prayer to God for peace, comfort, and strength in tribulation. Haugen, a Lutheran and graduate of Luther College, is the composer in residence at the Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. There are thirteen Haugen compositions in our new hymnal!

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

Open My Eyes That I May See (#451)

based on Psalm 119:18, was written by Clara Scott. Born in Illinois in 1841, she published the "Royal Anthem Book," the first volume of anthems by a woman. Sadly, she died in Dubuque, Iowa, in June 1897, after being thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse.

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