

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

Rev. Jessica Wietzke, Pastor

WE ARE A PEOPLE OF FAITH
CALLED BY CHRIST
TO SHARE
GOD'S GOOD NEWS
IN TODAY'S
ACTIVE WORLD.

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:15am Worship Service



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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Please sign the attendance pads found in the hymnal rack and pass it to those sitting near you. You're invited to join us for friendship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall following Worship. Children are welcome in our worship service; however, a nursery is available for parents with young children. There is a speaker in the nursery so you don't miss out on worship.

Around Your Church & Community This Week

Today: 8:30-9:10am Youth Sunday School
Adult Sunday School
9:15am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Time

Thurs.: 8:30am PW Coffee Club (Grimes Burger King)

Weekly, Mon-Fri, 9:30am to 1:30pm—Grimes Senior Meal Site is open

Next Sunday, Feb. 7th: Souper Bowl of Caring, and a Silent Dessert Auction - find more information on both in this bulletin!

	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
Worship Attendance	1/17	45	\$475.00	\$991.00
&	1/24	70	\$740.00	\$579.00
Giving	(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget).			

Church Office Manager: Erin Schmitz

Erin's hours are Tue-Fri. 9am-2pm. Email: grimespres1@hotmail.com

Pastor Jessica's hours are Mon-Th 9am-3pm. Email: grimespres2@hotmail.com

We gather to worship God

THE WELCOME, GREETING, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you visiting us? We're glad you're here! Please sign in your name and address on the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, who created us in love,

People: create us anew in love as we worship you.

Leader: Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

People: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, who moves among us in love,

People: move within us and show us God's vision for ourselves and our world as we worship you.

*OPENING HYMN *"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" Hymn 635*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Jesus came preaching about the kingdom of heaven and gave us a vision of a world made new through the work of God. Yet, we find it so easy to live in the old world. Jesus called us to follow him by stepping out in faith. Yet, we are timid and our feet remain firmly planted right where we are. Jesus promised us that he would be with us always. Yet we do not look for him in the everyday moments of life. Forgive us, God. Increase our faith and enlarge our vision of your kingdom. Enable us to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Over and over again God shows a persistent resolve not to leave the world to its own devices.

All: All who turn to God find God's acceptance, forgiveness, and new life.

*GLORIA PATRI - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



SCRIPTURE READING

OT: **Zechariah 8: 1-8**

(page 883; large print - page 1080)

NT: **Matthew 19: 13-15**

(page 21; large print - page 25)

SERMON

"For the Children"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" . . . Hymn 634*

**Doxology - Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after the needs of your children. We thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Take these gifts which we offer to you and use them to touch a hurting world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We use the words 'debts' and 'debtors' in The Lord's Prayer)

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You" Hymn 619

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

PW Praise: We had 11 adults and 7 children turn out for our PW Quilting Day last Sunday, Jan. 17th, in spite of it being the coldest day of the winter! Quilt squares were cut, pressed, and sewn, and 3 fleece blankets were made. Many thanks to all for your help! - - Gai Shields

Grow your knowledge of God's word: This week's Bible verse

"Let us go to the house of God."

- - Psalm 122:1



Find your ~~sweet tooth~~ and be here with us on

Sunday, February 7th

for the PW **Silent Dessert Auction** following worship.



Everyone can participate! Make a dessert or two (cake, cookies, bars, pies, pastries, etc.) and bring to Fellowship Hall **before** church on Feb. 7th. There will be tables set up, and PW members will be available to assist with the rest. *We'll even run out to your car and help you carry it in!*

(Please bring your dessert in a container that won't need to be returned to you.)

How does this work? After worship, members will have 25 minutes to bid on each dessert. At 10:40am, the bidding will cease, and the highest bid on each dessert will be final.

Funds raised from this event will go toward the annual PW Mother/Daughter Tea. We are hoping to use the money to pay for a caterer so we can all sit down and enjoy each other at the Tea.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jane Altman**.
(402-740-5198 or janey.altman@gmail.com)

On January 13, 2016, the Session passed a motion from the Christian Education Committee that Sunday School for all ages will be held before worship 8:30-9:10am, starting **TODAY**, January 31, 2016 (and running temporarily through the end of Sunday School on April 24, 2016). This will also mean that our families, especially our young people, will join us during the whole worship service. We realize this may mean a bit more noise and changing our services so that the whole family can worship, all of us together. I've said many times that Sunday morning is unlike any other time in the week, when we gather together for worship. And we've already seen and heard the power of building relationships across the generations in our church body.

Joel 2:15-16 - *"Blow the trumpet in Zion ... gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.*

Ephesians 6:1 states *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."* Paul's letters were originally written to be read publically before the whole church, and he assumed that children would be there.

Studies have shown that children who are in worship regularly are more likely to continue this habit into adulthood (and having children leave church is a 20th century phenomena, which doesn't make it a bad thing, but rather gives us perspective on what is the normal practice for around 2,000 years). While children may wiggle and poke, they will also sing and pray and give with us. The question remains: what sacrifices are we willing to make so that our church continues to be a house of prayer and praise for all people? In worship, children learn that they are welcome, that something is expected of them in church. Hopefully this fall, all together, we can study the parts of worship and why we do what we do. We can also help our little ones memorize the doxology, the Lord's Prayer, and other parts of the service where they can participate. At Cross Connection, we will also practice Bible story skits to be shared the following Sunday, so that our Second Sunday Service is planned with our young people in mind.



Next Sunday, Feb. 7th: Help Tackle Hunger!

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Before you settle in to cheer on the Panthers or the Broncos next Sunday, please come and consider giving generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Our youth will be here to help with collecting. Every dollar donated will go to the **Grimes Food Pantry**, our 2016 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Change in Sunday Morning Nursery

After much thought and discussion both in Sessions and Christian Education meetings, we will no longer provide nursery attendants each Sunday. We will continue to leave the nursery open with the speaker system 'on' so that parents can take their children there when needed. Please do not allow children in the nursery without supervision. Thank you!

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, January 31st, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Russ & Donna Miller

Offering Counters ~ Robbin McClelland & Phyllis Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Don & Robbin McClelland

Serving next Sunday, February 7th, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

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Ushers & Greeters ~ Tom & Grace Wengert

Offering Counters ~ Robbin McClelland & Phyllis Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Emblen Family

Offering Counters: February 14th & 21st: Bob Heston & Denny Rosenberg

February 28th & March 6th: Bev Boyd & Curt Klyn

Session Members

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Melodee Grefe	Bev Boyd	Robbin McClelland
Curt Klyn	Jane Altman	Marilyn Whitmore
Linda Wong	Jacie Smith	Keith Workman
Clerk of Session: Jacie Smith		

Deacons

Susan Ballard
Bev Boyd; Joyce Hart
Robbin McClelland
Phyllis Rosenberg
Gai Shields
Bill Sharp

Saturday, February 13th - 4th annual Grimes Hunger Fight!

Join the community of Grimes and Meals from the Heartland to help package meals to feed the hungry.

9am-Noon at Grimes United Methodist Church

For more info, visit : www.grimesumc.com/grimes-hunger-fight.cfm

OR

see the flyer on the bulletin board across from the church office.

In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments, complaints, or concerns please be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson (below) as a first step.

We Are Sincerely, *Your Church Session*

Building & Grounds Committee - Keith Workman

Christian Education Committee - Melodee Grefe

Christian Nurture Committee - Linda Wong

Communications - Robbin McClelland

Memorial Committee - Curt Klyn

Missions & Evangelism Committee - Jane Altman

Nominating Committee - Melodee Grefe

Personnel Committee - Bev Boyd

Stewardship & Finance Committee - Curt Klyn

Technology Committee - Curt Klyn

Worship Committee - Jacie Smith

The Sunday service audio recordings are now available on the church website:

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Click on the 'Resources' tab, and find the service you want under 'Sermons'.