

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: Come to the Lord with openness,

People: seeking God's presence whatever it brings.

Leader: Bring doubt, bring belief.

People: Seek the Lord and live.

***OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" Hymn 194

***CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: We come confident in God's love for us,

People: even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Leader: Let us confess our sins together:

Gracious God, we cannot earn your favor - it is freely given to us as we confess our sin. And we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us!

People: For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Believe the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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.*



PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

God of wilderness and nighttime, as we devote these 40 days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NT: Luke 4: 1-13 (page 61; large print - page 74)

SERMON "Temptation"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: In plenty or in want, all that we have is a gift from God.

People: In faith and gratitude, we return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received,

All: As grateful heirs of the promises of God.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Hymn 623

***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**

Gracious God, we dedicate not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude - for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purpose. In Christ we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***CLOSING HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 213

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

**Please stand if you are able*

Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent

God, as we take this journey that draws us ever closer to you,
Walk with us. . . Sustain us. . . Nurture us.

God, as we go through the wilderness of lent and of our lives,
Send your manna to us.

Give us wisdom to turn from temptation, and your grace to turn to.

God, as we walk through the potholes of life. . . the valleys. . . the pits of life,
Guide us with your hand, keep our feet steady, and our vision on you.

God, whether we choose to give up something for lent or do something positive,
Let us not do it out of obligation or the tyranny of oughtness,
But out of love for you.

Keep us in your paths of love, mercy, and grace.

Lord, help us to remember we are not alone,

But that we are walking with our fellow/sister travelers.

Amen.

*Written by Rev. Abi Carlisle-Wilke
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Grow your knowledge of God's word: Last week's Bible verse (2/7)

"Jesus went up on a mountain to pray."

- - Luke 3:28

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

"In the wilderness, Jesus was tempted for 40 days by the devil."

- - Luke 4:2



Thank you to everyone who played a part in making last Sunday's Silent Dessert Auction a success. We appreciated all of the 'sweet' donations, and had a fun time with the bidding wars. We hope those who carried home a dessert have enjoyed it, or will be enjoying it soon!

- - Presbyterian Women - -

You may notice there are some paintings at the back of the church by the stained glass windows. They were done by our youth in preparation for Lent. Their task was to depict something about the season or Christ. We hope and pray these help you prepare for the events of Holy Week, Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, death on the cross, and resurrection. Artists are invited to pick these up after worship in April.

Current **Grimes Food Pantry** needs:



Corn muffin mix, pancake syrup, diced tomatoes, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, chicken noodle & large cans of soup, juice boxes, granola bars, snack crackers, and microwave popcorn. We rely solely on donations for the following items: Cake, brownie, & cookie mixes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, and paper products, as we do not purchase these items. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, February 14th, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Jim & Carol Calvert

Offering Counters ~ Bob Heston & Denny Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Brent & Jacie Smith

Serving next Sunday, February 21st, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Denny & Kyle Rosenberg

Offering Counters ~ Bob Heston & Denny Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Jerry & Carol Crow

Offering Counters: February 28th & March 6th: Bev Boyd & Curt Klyn
March 13th & 20th: Dana Grefe & Beth Johnston

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

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

www.grimesfirstpresbyterianchurch.org

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

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*

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