

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Wietzke

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

Sunday, August 14, 2016

9:15am Service

BackPack
blessings



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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 under the age of 5 years. There is a speaker in the nursery so you don't miss out on worship.

Around Your Church & Community This Week

Today: 9:15am **Worship**
10:15am **Fellowship Time**
Sat.: 9:30am **Presbytery Meeting (Knoxville)**

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



Sunday, August 28th: Bingo & Potluck

Hosted by the Christian Nurture Committee

Bingo @ 4:00pm, followed by a potluck @ 5:00pm.

Worship Attendance & Giving	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
	7/31	45	\$1,090.00	\$956.00
	8/7	53	\$1,730.00	\$2,720.00
(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

MINUTE FOR MISSION *(Curt Klyn)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(a Back-to-School litany)*

Leader: As we begin this new school year, we give thanks that God has given us the ability to learn many things in many ways.

People: We learn in school, but we also learn in church, in our family, in our community, and in the world.

Leader: Thank you, Lord, that we are finite creatures, ever dependent on you.

People: Learning is a gift from God.

Leader: The Bible tells us that Jesus learned and studied, just as we do.

People: And Jesus grew in wisdom.

Leader: We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning.

People: We ask God to bless our school and teachers.

Leader: We ask God to bless our classmates and friends.

People: We ask God to bless our principals, counselors, and librarians.

Leader: We ask God to bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe.

People: We give thanks to God for books and computers and all the things that help us learn.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the gift of learning!

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN SING

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting, or scary, or both. Sometimes school is great, and sometimes it is hard. But we know that whether we are excited or scared, you are with us. We know that whether school is great or hard, you are with us. We thank you for always being with us. Help us to remember to show our thanks for your gift of learning by doing our best every day. Amen.



***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.*

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

LITANY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL *(Rev. Karin Fowler, modified by Rev. Larry Farris)*

Leader: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day,

All: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm playing with my friends at recess,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm finding the right school bus to ride home,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm telling my family about my day,

All: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends, and my school,

Youth: Jesus is with me.

Leader: Let's pray together:

All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the cross on my backpack, I will remember that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with you any time - day or night - and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NT: Ephesians 4: 11-16 (page 194; large print - pages 236-237)

Luke 2: 41-52 (page 59; large print - page 72)

SERMON

"Christians On the Grow"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Hymn 663*

***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

We worship the One who stands at the beginning and at the end of history -

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the God for whom all time is now. Every day we have a chance to participate in the work God is doing in the world. By bringing our gifts each week, by offering our lives each day, we affirm our trust in a power beyond violence, beyond greed. Let us gladly offer who we are - and what we hold - in service to God. Amen.

A LITANY FOR EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

Leader: The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, school administrators, counselors, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers, and all others in our congregation who work in our schools.

People: **We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth.**

Leader: Education involves a partnership between school, home, and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a child’s success. This morning we recognize you for the support you give the students in your home. We hold in prayer all those in this congregation who have children and youth in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouragement offered.

People: **We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church families who provide care for children.**

Leader: Your church family believes that each of you is a gift from God filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow, you will develop caring hearts and minds that think clearly. We believe in you and care about your education.

People: **As your faith community, we pledge to be with you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. We will do all that we are able to ensure that your schools are positive places filled with hope and the resources necessary for learning.**

Leader: Let us pray - Gracious God, we lift up to you all those involved in education in this community and in all the communities in our nation and world. Guide us, great God, that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers, and all those involved in education.

People: **We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the lives of those in school. We pray for courage to explore new ways of supporting the people and institutions that teach our children and youth. We pray in the name of the great teacher, Jesus. Amen.**

(Written by Rev. Dave Brown of the National Council of Churches Committee on Public Education and Literacy, Dec. 6, 2006)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle” Hymn 720*

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**



**Please stand if you are able*



Our church is in need of new siding, and Session has voted to make this happen; however, we can’t do this without your help. In the next few weeks and months, please prayerfully consider how God may be leading you to help make this project a reality, to sow seeds for future generations to use our sanctuary. Please write “Building Fund” on your check memo when you put this generous gift in the offering plate. Session believes God will do great things through us as we seek to be faithful for another 135 years.



We have plans for a new pictorial church directory with Lifetouch. Further information will be available this month, but for now - save these dates for family pictures!

- Thursday, September 22nd
- Friday, September 23rd
- Saturday, September 24th



Do you have pictures from church events that you’d like to share? We’ll have a few pages in the directory that we’ll design with our own pictures from happenings over the last few years. The last directory was done in 2011 (5 years ago), so any pictures more recent than 5 years ago is what we’re looking for. Confirmation, baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries, Sunday School - if you’ve captured a moment/memory, we hope you’ll share it with us! Please send them to Robbin McClelland at rmcmom501@aol.com, or if they aren’t electronic, bring them to the church office and Erin can scan them.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, August 14th, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Denny & Kyle Rosenberg

Offering Counters ~ Bob Heston & Chris Klug

Coffee Hosts ~ Altman Family

Serving next Sunday, August 21st, 2016:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Fred & Carolyn Roth

Offering Counters ~ Bob Heston & Chris Klug

Coffee Hosts ~ Emblen Family

Offering Counters: August 28th & Sept. 4th: Bev Boyd & Curt Klyn
Sept. 11th & 18th: Dana Grefe & Ben 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



Current Grimes Food Pantry needs:

Tuna, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, spaghetti, corn muffin mix, canned beans, canned soups, boxed potatoes.

We rely solely on donations for the following items: Cake, brownie, & cookie mixes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, and paper products (toilet paper, paper towels).

In July we served 57 families (111 adults, 99 children), for a total of 210 individuals.

Due to an increase in families participating in the monthly assistance food program, monetary donations are always appreciated as well. Our shelves are being emptied at an alarming rate.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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