

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, January 1, 2017

9:15am 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 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 <i>Congregational Mtg. following worship</i>
	10:30am	Fellowship Time
Thurs:	8:30am	PW Coffee Club <i>(Grimes Burger King)</i>

****Pastor Jessica will be out Tuesday & Wednesday this week.***

REMINDER: No Cross Connection in January.

<div> <div>Worship</div> <div>Attendance</div> <div>&</div> <div>Giving</div> </div>	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
	12/18	<i>(cancelled)</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00
	12/24	62	\$550.00	\$460.00
	12/25	25	\$270.00	\$785.00

(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget).

Church office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm

Pastor: Jessica Wietzke (grimespres2@hotmail.com)

Church Office Manager: Erin Schmitz (grimespres1@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: We welcome a new year.

People: O God, light up our way.

Leader: We face anxieties and fears.

People: O God, be light in our darkness.

Leader: We remember the troubled ones among family and friends.

People: O God, be the warm light to the dark places.

Leader: We will journey and venture as a faith community.

People: O God, your light will lead us forward.

***OPENING HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* Hymn 669

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Epiphany season and new year celebrates God's inclusiveness. The mystery of Jesus Christ is revealed, not to an elite few, but to the whole world. Yet we continue to build barriers to protect our own interests and keep others at a distance. Let us come before God confessing our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we acknowledge that all understanding and all life-giving counsel come from you and belong to you. Your ways are always highest and best; yet we have tried to fashion and follow our own way. We have clung to our darkness, rather than following your light. Forgive our selfish waywardness, and help us by your Spirit to follow the light of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We need not carry the guilt that is in us, day after day.

All: God is willing to knit the fragmented pieces of our existence into a meaningful whole.

Leader: Let us claim God's forgiveness with joy!

***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

SCRIPTURE READING

OT: Isaiah 60: 4-6 (page 690; large print - page 844)

NT: Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 2; large print - page 2)

SERMON *“Encountering Christ”*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”* Hymn 185

***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

O God, from whom comes all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in the spirit of those long ago who opened costly treasures before Jesus. We give in response to your generosity. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as their physical needs are met. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

***Communion Hymn** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* Hymn 776

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion by Intinction

(You're invited to come forward either to the right or left side, take a piece of bread from the plate, and then dip the bread in the cup of juice before partaking of this feast.)

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* Hymn 60

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



**Please stand if you are able*



There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship this morning, for the purpose of approving nominations for the office of Elder for 2017.

Everyone is invited to stay after worship that day for the meeting.



Did you know. . .? Our Session committee structure will be ‘under construction’ during the start of 2017. And since the committee chairs head up our church activities and events, we’ll be discussing how our church activities are fundamental to who we are as Christ’s body; it’s also an opportunity to see how we can work together more efficiently and effectively.

We would love to have as much input, feedback, and ownership of church activities in the coming year as we can get; however, with fewer elders on Session (we have just one new elder starting in 2017 rather than a desired three), we cannot do all the activities that we have in the past. We are also going to take more time praying and studying scripture together, as well as leading the church through the process of developing our mission, vision, and a road map to work towards what God is calling us to be and do.

We are blessed to have so many willing helping hands and hearts. If you would like to have a voice and share your understanding, please come to one or both meetings in the second week of January to brainstorm and discern where our focus will be this year.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 8th at 10:45am in the sanctuary.

The second meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

If you can’t make either of these meetings and would like to share, please feel free to talk with our elders or Pastor Jessica. We value each and every church family member. Together we can do it!

Looking Ahead

- **January 8th:** Sunday School resumes (all ages); Wear blue for Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday; Church events discussion following worship
- **January 11th:** Church events discussion (6:30pm)
 - **January 15th:** PW Quilting Day (1-3pm)
- **January 22nd:** Annual Meeting following worship

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, January 1st, 2017:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Communion ~ Keith & Ellen Workman, Marilyn Whitmore

Ushers & Greeters ~ Dana & Melodee Grefe

Offering Counters ~ Cyndy Bolsenga & Tom Wengert

Coffee Hosts ~ Bill & Connie Sharp

Serving next Sunday, January 8th, 2017:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Vern & Bev Adams

Offering Counters ~ Cyndy Bolsenga & Tom Wengert

Coffee Hosts ~ Young Family



Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.
-- Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Session Members

Class of 2017

Bev Boyd

Jane Altman

Jacie Smith

Class of 2018

Robbin McClelland

Marilyn Whitmore

Keith Workman

Class of 2019

Kristy Klyn

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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:

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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
