

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

Guest Pastor: Rev. Don Elly

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CALLED BY CHRIST
TO SHARE
GOD'S GOOD NEWS
IN TODAY'S
ACTIVE WORLD.



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:15am Service

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: **8:30am** **Sunday School, all ages**
 9:15am **Worship**
 10:30am **Fellowship Time**

Wed.: **7:00pm** **Ash Wednesday worship service**

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

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

	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
Worship Attendance	2/12	54	\$1,250.00	\$65.00
&	2/19	42	\$405.00	\$860.01
Giving	(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)

“ . . .this blessing is built for leaving. This blessing is made for coming down the mountain. This blessing wants to be in motion, to travel with you as you return to level ground.” Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace

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 (written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws)*

Leader: From seashore to mountain top,

People: from lonely place to hillside,

Leader: from touching lepers to touching glory,

People: this has been the reign of God.

Leader: From baptism's water to mountain top glory,

People: from calling disciples to the healing of many,

Leader: from synagogue exorcism to transfiguration,

People: we have moved in the glory of God.

Leader: The revealing,

People: the making known,

Leader: the unfolding,

People: the manifesting,

Leader: the unveiling of Jesus.

People: From the Jordan to the present,

Leader: from the beginning to here,

People: from the Galilee to this place,

All: let us gather in the transfigured light of God

***OPENING HYMN** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” Hymn 95*

***OPENING PRAYER** *(in unison)*

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we have gathered in this time and at this place to worship You. In Your time, You created all things, and wove into their fabric a yearning for fulfillment in You. It is this yearning within us which has pulled us here this morning. Take these moments, O Lord of time and space, that our labor may bring forth a new creation. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

OT: Exodus 24: 12-18 (page 70; large print - pages 87-88)

NT: Matthew 17: 1-9 (pages 18-19; large print - pages 22-23)

SERMON *“Suddenly”*

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: The needs of our world are too numerous to name.

People: Shelter, food, clean air and water.

Leader: Our gifts touch these needs,

People: but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world

Leader: so much that we give of ourselves.

People: Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love.

All: So as we place our money in the offering plate today, our giving is not done.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus Hymn 216*

**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, bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the 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 Has Spoken by His Prophets” Hymn 311*

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

All: We have been changed. We can't be silent anymore.

Leader: We have seen the Light of the World.

All: Go and share the radiance of love!

***POSTLUDE**



**Please stand if you are able*



Today, the Witness Committee will be sending a clip board through the pews with a sign-up sheet for communion servers for May thru December. If you're willing to serve the church in this way, please sign up for a month that works for you.

Thank you in advance!

Acolytes for Communion Sundays

Starting Sunday, March 5th, we invite our young people to be acolytes on the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday). An acolyte is one who assists the pastor by bringing forth the liturgical light prior to worship. The light symbolizes the presence of God as the people of God gather to worship. Lighted candles also remind us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

"Acolyte" is taken from an ancient Greek word that meant 'companion', 'attendant', or 'helper.'

Later it was considered one of the first steps to priesthood, as is still the case in the Roman Catholic Church. Our commissioning can be seen as a first step of Confirmation for these young people. It is also an intentional effort to help our young people be a part of the worship life of the church, and understand that God desires their involvement.

What will acolytes do? Any of our youth aged 8 or older are invited to meet Pastor Jessica and Jane Altman at the steps leading into the sanctuary at 9:10am. We will start with the oldest young person at the steps, and then go by how many times someone has helped out in the past. We're anticipating utilizing 1-2 youth at a time, depending on how many volunteers we have. An acolyte wears a white robe, carries a lighted candlestick, and walks in front of Pastor Jessica down the center aisle of the church, towards the front, making sure the taper remains lit. After the candles on the communion table are lit, the candlesticks are extinguished, laid quietly under the front pew, and the acolytes will sit in the front pew. When we get to Communion in the service, our acolytes will retrieve the plates on the communion table and hand them to the ushers, helping the ushers pass the plates down the pews. On the next-to-the-last verse of the closing hymn, the acolytes will take the candlesticks up to the communion table, light the wicks, snuff out the candles, and walk back down the steps, standing to face the congregation. At the end of the benediction, they'll walk down the aisle and out of the sanctuary ahead of the Pastor.

For our first service with acolytes on March 5th, Wyatt Johnston and Emma Altman will perform these duties. We look forward to having our youth serve the church in this way!

Behold, There is a New Creation!

Join us for Lent this season: Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the sanctuary for worship, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

March 5th, 1st Sunday in Lent: God's Dream/Vision

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-4, When God Calls
Exodus 19:1-6, Priestly Kingdom, Holy Nation
2 Corinthians 5:17-21, There is a New Creation

Bible Study on Wednesday, March 8th.

March 12th, 2nd Sunday in Lent: God's Good Creation

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a, In the Beginning
Psalm 8, How Majestic

Bible Study on Wednesday, March 15th.

March 19th, 3rd Sunday in Lent: Rejection of God's Dream/Vision

Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-24, The Serpent's Lie
Genesis 11:1-9, The Tower of Babel

Bible Study on Wednesday, March 22nd.

March 26th, 4th Sunday in Lent: Redemption & Healed Relationships

Scriptures: Colossians 1:15-20, The Supremacy of Christ
Romans 5:6-17, The Justification of the Ungodly
Acts 2:1-24, God's Dream/Vision
Philippians 2:1-11, Christ Our Servant Leader

Bible Study on Wednesday, March 29th.

April 2nd, 5th Sunday in Lent: The Manifestation of the Dream: The Household of God

Scriptures: 1 Peter 2:9-10, God's Own People
Ephesians 2:11-12, Members of the Household of God
Colossians 3:1-17, God's Chosen Ones

Bible Study on Wednesday, April 5th.

April 9th, Palm/Passion Sunday: Images of God's Power and Promise

Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25, A Transformed Heaven and Earth
Revelation 21:1-5, God Dwells with Mortals
2 Corinthians 5:17-21, There is a New Creation

Bible Study on Wednesday, April 12th.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, February 26th, 2017:

Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Don Elly
 Worship Leader ~ Gai Shields
 Organist ~ Colene Townsend
 Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Denny & Kyle Rosenberg
 Offering Counters ~ Bev Boyd & Curt Klyn
 Coffee Hosts ~ Jerry & Gai Shields

Serving next Sunday, March 5th, 2017:

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke
 Organist ~ Colene Townsend
 Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Acolytes ~ Emma Altman & Wyatt Johnston
 Communion Servers ~ Ben & Beth Johnston, Curt & Kristy Klyn
 Ushers & Greeters ~ Susan Ballard & Phyllis Rosenberg
 Offering Counters ~ Bev Boyd & Curt Klyn
 Coffee Hosts ~ Don & Robbin McClelland



-- Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

Session Members		
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Bev Boyd	Robbin McClelland	Kristy Klyn
Jane Altman	Marilyn Whitmore	~ ~ ~
Jacie Smith	Keith Workman	~ ~ ~
Clerk of Session: Jacie Smith		

<u>Deacons</u>
Susan Ballard
Bev Boyd; Joyce Hart
Robbin McClelland
Phyllis Rosenberg
Gai Shields
Bill Sharp

PW will be doing a **toiletry drive** for Cross Ministries throughout the month of February.

We will collect all kinds of toiletries, but the most needed are:

- shampoo • toilet paper • laundry soap • dish soap.

Other requested items are toothpaste and toothbrushes, bars of soap, deodorant, and diapers (esp. sizes 4, 5, & 6).

There will be a box at church to hold donations, and any and all items will be appreciated!

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

Nurture: Kristy Klyn, Bev Boyd

(Christian Ed, Christian Nurture, Missions & Evangelism)

Operations: Keith Workman, Robbin McClelland

(Building & Grounds, Financial, Technology/Office Support, Communication, Memorial):

Witness: Jacie Smith, Marilyn Workman, Jane Altman

(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary Support, Nominating)

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