

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

17th Bob Heston & Jeromy Robb

17th Linda & Carl Wong

20th Jorie Smith

19th Dana & Melodee Grefe

21st Beth Johnston

21st Jeromy & Keli Robb

22nd Grace Heston & Joan Rivers

23rd Ben Johnston

**Food Pantry help needed**

Grimes Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church is looking for volunteers to collect orders to box for families. Volunteers needed for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Hours are 9:00am-11:00am. If interested in volunteering please contact Elaine Knudtson at 515-986-9765.

**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.**

**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 Whitmore, Jane Altman**

*(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary Support, Nominating)*

**Regular Schedule of Session Committee Meetings:**

- **Operations** - 2nd Sunday of the month, 10:30am (Sept. 10th)
- **Witness** - 3rd Sunday of the month, 10:30am (Sept. 10th)
- **Nurture** - 4th Sunday of the month, 10:30am (Sept. 24th)

# First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Wietzke

FOR 135 YEARS, WE ARE A  
PEOPLE OF FAITH CALLED  
BY CHRIST  
TO SHARE  
GOD'S GOOD NEWS  
IN TODAY'S

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:15am 135th Anniversary 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**  
                          **10:15am**    **Fellowship Time**
- Mon.:**            **6:00pm**    **Girl Scouts**
- Tues.:**           **3:00pm**    **American Legion Auxiliary**
- Thurs.:**          **8:30pm**    **PW Coffee Club (Grimes Burger King)**

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

<b>Worship Attendance &amp; Giving</b>	Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
	9/3	45	\$313.00	\$889.00
	9/10	74	\$910.00	\$345.35
(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget).				

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

Pastor: Jessica Wietzke (grimespres2@hotmail.com)

Office Manager: April Beck (office@grimes1stpres.org)

## Serving the Lord with Gladness

**Today: Sunday, September 17th, 2017:**

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Don & Mary Lou Friar

Offering Counters ~ Robbin McClelland & Phyllis Rosenberg

Acolytes ~ Emma and A.J. Altman

Communion Servers ~ Marilyn Whitmore, Jane Altman, Jacie Smith, and Curt Klyn

**Serving next Sunday, September 24th, 2017:**

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Don & Mary Lou Friar

Offering Counters ~ Bob Heston & Chris Klug

Coffee Hosts ~ Robbin McClelland & Gai Shields

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Session Members			Deacons
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	
Bev Boyd	Robbin McClelland	Kristy Klyn	Susan Ballard
Jane Altman	Marilyn Whitmore	~ ~ ~	Bev Boyd; Joyce Hart
Jacie Smith	Keith Workman	~ ~ ~	Robbin McClelland
<b>Clerk of Session: Jacie Smith</b>			Phyllis Rosenberg
			Gai Shields
			Bill Sharp

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

Leader: For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

**All: For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel, and for a free and prospered land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom, we give thanks. Amen.**

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(use 'debts' and 'debtors')*

#### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**Communion Hymn** *Its Is Well* Soloist Gwyn Heston

**The Invitation and Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Distribution of the Elements**

*(Please take the bread & cup as it comes to you; when all are served, we will partake together.)*

**Prayer**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC DUET

*Precious Memories*

Organist Colene Townsend and Pianist Nancy Mitchell

#### TRIVIA TIME WITH CURT KLYN

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*And All the People Say Amen* Matt Mahr

#### \*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE (Nancy Mitchell Organ Medley)

## *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.

Prelude Colene Slideshow

Acolytes

#### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (\* = Please stand if you are able)

Leader: Praise our God, all you his servants

**People: Sing hallelujah! For our God almighty reigns!**

Leader: Come, find your strength renewed and your burdens lifted, through the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**People: Let us rejoice and give thanks.**

Leader: Our Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: And we are a people called, gifted, and sent forth in his name.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Anniversary Hymn Tune God of our Fathers*

by the Rev. Dr. Francis Crispin Ellis

and used at 100, 111, 125 & 135 Anniversary Celebrations

**Thy people stand to bless Thy name today**

**Through all the years Thy love hath blest the way;**

**Here in Thy house our hearts and voices sing**

**As unto Thee our gratitude we bring**

**We thank Thee, Lord, for loyal hearts and true**

**For all who served and sought thy work to do**

**For souls of faith, of courage strong and bold**



**Thy Spirit rest upon us now, we pray,  
Strengthen our hands to serve Thee as we may;  
Grant our heart true love of God and men,  
Until the Christ shall win the earth to Him.**

**We pledge to Thee our love and loyalty,  
Under thy banner we would faithful be  
Lead thou us on O Christ, our King divine,  
And praise and glory be forever Thine. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess our need for the assurance of your blessing. We come with spirits poor from failure to borrow the riches of your grace; we mourn the passing of self-interests; we are meek in the face of injustice; we hunger and thirst for the easy way; we are merciful only to those who show us mercy; we are pure when it is profitable to be so; seldom are we numbered among the persecuted. Forgive us our sins and change our lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: For all who have come believing in Christ as the Way,

**All: there is rest from your labors, forgiveness of your sins, and the guarantee of abundant and eternal life.**

Leader: Let us continue our journey of faith and obedience, through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.**

**YOUNG PEOPLE SPECIAL MUSIC** *The River* by Jordan Feliz

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**OT: 2 Kings 2:1-14** (page 332-3; large print 412-13)

**NT: Mark 8:34-38** (page 44; large print page 53)

**HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hymn 498

**SERMON** *The Road Ahead*

**THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn 60

**\*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, thank you for loving us. Hold us close and give us courage to live as your beloved children. Today we bring ourselves, our time, and our possessions to you, that they may be gifts of your love in a world in which your voice of love is often drowned out by the voices of violence, hatred, and oppression. Use us and these gifts to your glory. Amen.**

**\*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

**People: throughout all the generations,**

Leader: from everlasting to everlasting

**All: You are God.**

Leader: You, O Lord, have been with us for these one hundred and thirty-five years!

**People: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place, and we thank You for the commitment and dedication of all who served together in ages past.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord.

**People: For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions as Elders, Deacons, Pastors, and Staff Members,**

Leader: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

**All: For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you triumphant in heaven,**

Leader: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

**People: For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,**