

“Dear friends at First, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thank you for your generous donation of toiletry items received this month. As we enter into the coldest months of the year, the need continues to grow while the resources are few. We appreciate your support and compassion more than you could possibly know. Your gifts make a difference to these families and many others in our community! They help people to know that they are not alone in this world. Thank you.  
 Sincerely, Roberta Victor” - Cross Ministries

## Thanks \_\_\_\_\_

“Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our toiletry drive. With Bev Boyd’s help, we delivered the items to Cross Ministries. Our contribution was very much appreciated.” - Gai Shields

Mission & Evangelism Committee is taking donations of hats, gloves and socks for children and adults. Please place your donations on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. These will be distributed to local shelters. Thank you!



Carol Calvert  
 December 14th

Brent Smith  
 December 15th



**TODAY is our Christmas Youth Program! Enjoy our youth as they share songs of praise and share their talents during our worship service. A special guest will make an appearance after the program in fellowship hall with special treats.**

**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 Whitmore, Jane Altman**

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

**Regular Schedule of Session Committee Meetings:**

- **Operations - December 3rd, 10:30am**
- **Witness - December 17th, 10:30am**
- **Nurture - December 17th, 10:30am**

## 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.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Sunday, December 10th, 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**  
                          **9:15am**    **Worship with Children's Program**  
                          **10:15am**   **Fellowship Time**  
                          **2:00pm**    **Kennybrook**  
**Tuesday:**       **6:00pm**    **Session meeting**

**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
	11/26	62	\$490.00	\$493.03
	12/03	53	\$2,265.00	\$564.00
(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget).				

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

Pastor: Jessica Wietzke (pastor@grimes1stpres.org)

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

## *Sewing the Lord with Gladness*

**Today: Sunday, December 10th, 2017:**

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Advent Candle Lighters ~ The Heston Family

Ushers & Greeters ~ Carl & Gaylene Lee

Offering Counters ~ Yalanda Clayton & Denny Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Leon & Jane Altman

**Serving next Sunday, December 17th, 2017:**

Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke

Organist ~ Colene Townsend

Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Advent Candle Lighters ~ The Klug Family

Ushers & Greeters ~ Tom Wengert & Grace Wengert

Offering Counters ~ Curt Klyn & Susan Ballard

Coffee Hosts ~ Bill & Connie Sharp



### Session Members

#### Class of 2017

Bev Boyd

Jane Altman

Jacie Smith

#### Class of 2018

Robbin McClelland

Marilyn Whitmore

Keith Workman

**Clerk of Session:** Jacie Smith

#### Class of 2019

Kristy Klyn

### Deacons

Susan Ballard

Bev Boyd

Robbin McClelland

Phyllis Rosenberg

Gai Shields

Bill Sharp

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

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

**All:** people who are waiting for healing because they live with sickness and pain;  
Leader: people who are waiting for good news because they are weighed down with sorrow.  
**All:** We pray for all of the earth that is waiting-- creatures who are waiting for protection because their environment is being destroyed and polluted.  
Leader: Throughout the world, in and on and under it, waiting happens; waiting grows and gathers.  
**All:** We pray for all who are waiting for peace because they are victims of war, refugees, widows and orphans.  
Leader: For friends and family who have quarreled and need to be reconciled.  
**All:** We know that without justice there can be no peace.  
Leader: Let peace come when all people are respected, regardless of race, status, gender and religion.  
**All:** Let peace come when money is used to serve and not enslave the world.  
Leader: Let peace come through the transformation of our lives that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.  
**All:** Help us to be peacemakers in our own homes, at our work or wherever we meet people, so that the peace and goodwill of Christmas can find a place in the hearts of all people  
Leader: We pray these things in the Name of the Prince of Peace, who taught His disciples to pray, saying,  
**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Go Tell It On The Mountain* #151  
**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**  
Leader: As we remember Mary and Joseph,  
**People:** giving thanks for their faithfulness,  
Leader: courage and obedience,  
**People:** stepping out into the unknown  
Leader: in the strength of your Spirit,  
**People:** May that be the pattern of our lives.  
Leader: When God's gentle whisper  
**People:** breaks through the clamor of this world  
Leader: and into our small corner,  
**People:** we might be ready to listen,  
Leader: and having listened, to act  
**All:** as we are sent out to love and serve this world. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## THE WELCOME, GREETING, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you visiting us? We're glad you're here! Please sign your name and address on the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew.

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

**\*Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #173



## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Madeleine L'Engle)

Leader: In the mystery of Word made Flesh, the Maker of the stars was born.

**People:** O love that wore our human form,

Leader: O tiny child of lowly birth,

**People:** Let now your love be born in us 'til peace and justice fill the earth.

Leader: God did not wait till the world was ready, 'til the nations were at peace.

**People:** God came when the heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out for release.

Leader: God came when the need was deep and great.

**People:** God dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine. God did not wait till hearts were pure.

Leader: In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

**People:** To a world like ours God came, and God's light would not go out.

Leader: God came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

**People:** Creator of the stars of night, Redeemer of us all,

Leader: Lord, bend near, and hear us when we call.

**All:** Let us worship, old and young, large and small.

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Silent Night* #164

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We remember that Jesus, our Lord, came to earth as a human being, just like us but without sin. He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin. With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came, let us confess our sins together.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, You give us the greatest gift of all: Yourself. But often we find it hard to take notice. We are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for the casual way we treat your gift of love, and for how we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Help us to live peacefully with ourselves, our neighbors, and most of all, You. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on 2 Peter 3:8-15)

Leader: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved: With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

**All:** The Lord is not slow about His promise, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish,

Leader: but all to come to repentance. Believe this good news:

**All:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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.*

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: As this season of “sparkle and bright” unfolds before us, the glimmering promises of hope lie like boxed jewels awaiting an adoring light, may we hold fast to hope’s patient possibilities.

**People: May we lift them high that they might catch the light of our dreams and shine bright in our broken world.**

Leader: may we strive to make such hope a reality for themselves, for each other, and for the world.

**All: May Hope light the world this Christmas. (Light the candle of Hope)**

Leader: As this season of “sparkle and bright” unfolds around us, the silent prayers of peace lie like stars hidden in a clouded night.

**People: May we inspire the world with peace.**

Leader: May peace touch our lives that in every place of stress, frustration, or fear, we might feel the presence of peace easing our hearts and transforming our lives.

**People: And may we share the its healing power with our children,**

Leader: that they might become the inspiration through which peace makes its way to a new yet-dreamt-of world.

**All: May Peace light the world this Christmas. (Light the candle of Peace)**

Leader: As we light this second Advent Candle of Peace, let us sing two verses from the hymn “What Child is This?”

*What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and donkeys are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spears shall pierce him through,  
the cross he bore for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** *The First Noel ,  
We Wish You A Merry Christmas*

**VIDEO** *Wisemen : Wise* CVLI#504043952

### Prayer of Illumination

Leader: In this Advent of expectation, draw us together in service,

**People: that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of hope and mystery,**



Leader: anticipation, preparation, a kingdom of this world and the next,  
**People: and a king appearing when we least expect.**

Leader: Heaven touching earth,

**People: the footsteps of the divine**

Leader: walking dusty roads

**People: as once they did in Eden,**

Leader: and a people, searching for a Savior,

**People: and walking past the stable.**

**All: Open eyes and hearts as we hear your Word proclaimed, that this might be an Advent of hope to the world and peace to all on earth. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

**NT: Matthew 2:1-13** (page 2 ; large print - page: 2)

### MEDITATION FOR ALL AGES

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: Gifts of love, generosity, compassion, and joy are ours to give if only we will give. Let us share our morning offering.

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*Away In A Manger*

*Young People*

**\*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 who brought all life to birth, O Christ who wore love’s human face, O Spirit making life anew, thank you for your wisdom, love, and grace. Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid, wrapped in the chill of midwinter, thank you for your gifts and for this offering. May it be used to bring new life for the world. Thank you that our Savior was revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: You, O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth One who is to rule.

**People: This One shall stand and feed his flock.**

Leader: This One shall protect his flock.

**People: This One shall be the Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of his kingdom there will be no end. Let us pray: God of grace, thank you for this season of waiting.

**All: Thank you for the beauty of the sleeping earth, waiting for spring’s new life.**

Leader: Thank you for the joy of children, waiting for the excitement of gift giving.

**All: Thank you for the gift of familiar carols, whose joyful music touches waiting hearts.**

Leader: Thank you for far-flung family and friends that we can’t wait to see this season.

**All: Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ; we have been waiting for a Savior.**

Leader: We pray for all who are waiting this morning; people who are waiting for an end to violence because they have known too much war;

