Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, Jan. 1st:	Annual Reports are due to the Church Office so that the Reports will be available at the January 7th worship service in preparation for the January 21st Annual Meeting.
Sunday, Jan. 7th:	New Elders will be installed and ordained at 9:15am worship service
Saturday, Jan. 20th:	Presbytery will help provide Officer Training (time TBD)
Sunday, Jan. 21st:	Annual Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 28th:	Pastor Jessica will be gone (Wednesday, January 24th - Sunday, January 28th) for Continuing Education at the Symposium on

Happy Birthday!

Darline Urfer	January 2nd
Mildred Brown	January 3rd
Gai Shields	January 5th
Sheila Balbiani	January 6th

Food Pantry Needs

Grape Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pork-n-Beans, Chili Beans, Soup, Instant Pudding, Pancake Syrup, Spaghetti, Boxed Potatoes, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, and Toothpaste. In November the Grimes Community Food Pantry served 43 families which included 92 adults and 63 children for total of 155 individuals. Monetary Donations are appreciated at all times. The Grimes Community Food Pantry is a 501c3 tax deductible charity for all deductions. We thank you for your continued support of this community ministry! Donations may be made online at www.grimesumc.com/local/food-pantry.

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 - January 7th, 10:30am**
- **Witness - TBD**
- **Nurture - January 28th, 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.

For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

9:15am Service

410 SE Third St.
P.O. Box 289
Grimes, IA 50111

Phone: 515-986-3720
Email: office@grimes1stpres.org
www.grimesfirstpresbyterianchurch.org

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**
	10:15am	**Fellowship Time**
Monday:	**Happy New Year! Church office closed.**	
	Annual Reports Due	
Tuesday:	**6:00pm**	**Brownies**
Wednesday:	**6:00pm**	**Cross Connection**
	Thursday 8:30am	**PW coffee @ Burger King**
Next Sunday:	**9:15am**	**Installation and Ordination of Elders**
	10:30am	**Downing of the greens**

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

Worship Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
12/17	53	$1850.30	$524.00
12/24 (am)	33	$2530.00	$1142.00
12/24 (pm)	57	$295.00	$227.00

(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)

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Today: Sunday, December 31st, 2017:

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

Ushers & Greeters ~ Doug Laverrenz & Matt Velelis
Offering Counters ~ Bev Boyd & Kristy Klyn
Coffee Hosts ~ Gai Shields

Serving next Sunday, January 7th, 2018:

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

Communion Servers~ Marilyn Whitmore, Ellen Workman, Brent and Jacie Smith
Ushers & Greeters ~ Marilyn Whitmore & Bev Boyd
Offering Counters ~ Tom Wengert & Cyndy Bolsenga
Coffee Hosts ~ Robbin McClelland & Family

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

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

Session Members

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Bev Boyd	Robbin McClelland	Kristy Klyn
Jane Altman	Marilyn Whitmore	
Jacie Smith	Keith Workman	

Clerk of Session: Jacie Smith

Deacons

Susan Ballard
Bev Boyd
Robbin McClelland
Phyllis Rosenberg
Gai Shields
Bill Sharp

We gather to worship God

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RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Behold, I give you good tidings of great joy; Christ the Lord is born!
People: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.
Leader: Break forth together in singing, for the Lord has comforted his people, the Lord has brought forth redemption.
People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
ALL: THE PROPHETS' PROMISES ARE MADE FLESH BEFORE THE EYES OF ALL THE NATIONS, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.

***OPENING HYMN** *Hark the Herald Angels* *#171*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Redeeming God, you are waiting with us, for we are slow to make room in our hearts for the Christ child. Your stars are shining and the angels' songs are praising. Yet we are in no hurry to hear the message of peace and goodwill, to sing "Glory" with the angels, to leave our sheep on the hillside, and come with haste to find Christ among us. Redeeming God, forgive our moments of unbelief and our lack of wonder. Open us to your miracle; let us hear again the message of love that Jesus Christ is born. Let us respond with joyous hearts, glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**
Leader: God's love was revealed to us this way: God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might turn to him and find in him life abundant.
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TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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SERMON: Light Bearers

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Silent Night #164*

***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**

Living God, with 'good pleasure' you give us gifts beyond our imagining. We offer these gifts and our lives in response and pray that they may be pleasing to you. May our hearts be shaped by the concerns of your heart and our lives be ever ready to hear and respond to Jesus' call to faithful discipleship. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *Joy To The World #146*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
People: We thank God for the wonders of his love.
Leader: God has sent us salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go from here, spreading this good news.
People: We will tell this good news on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere!

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