HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 5th Melodee Grefe

Story Time

Join us one Saturday a month for our FREE story and craft time! All ages welcome! Each month we will have a story time followed by a themed craft. Crafts for pre-school, elementary school age and babies! Each child will get a take home goody bag. Dates and themes below. Each story time will be held from 10:00am-11:00am. Please RSVP by emailing or calling the office to secure your spot!

December 14th: CHRISTMAS

We currently need these items to restock the pantry shelves:
Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Spaghetti, Pancake Syrup, Chili Beans, Chicken Noodle/Tomato/Cream of Chicken Soups, Graham/Ritz/Soda/Boxed Crackers, Corn Muffin Mix, Juice Boxes, Microwave Popcorn, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Liquid Hand Soap, Liquid Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Kleenex and Paper Towels.

Grimes Storehouse hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30–11:30 am and the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm. Food donations can be dropped off during hours the Storehouse is open.

- If DCG schools close due to weather on Tuesdays or Thursdays, the Grimes Storehouse will also be closed.
- In October the Grimes Storehouse served 58 families for total of 184 individuals which included 97 adults and 87 children.
- Monetary Donations are appreciated at all times. 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. Thank You!

Nurture: Kristy Klyn (chair), Bev Boyd, Gwyn Heston, Melodee Grefe, Ellen Workman
(Christian Ed, Christian Nurture, Missions & Evangelism)

Operations: Melodee Grefe (chair)
(Buildings & Grounds: Dana Grefe, Stewardship & Finance: Melodee Grefe Technology: Bob Heston, Memorial: Susan Ballard)

Witness: Carl Wong (chair), Ellen Workman
(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary Support, Communication, Nominating)

Regular Schedule of Session Committee Meetings:

Operations - December 1st, 10:30am
Finance - December 8th, 10:30am
Witness - December 22nd, 10:30am
Nurture - December 29th, 10:30am

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

Sunday, December 1st, 9:15 am

Rev. Jessica Wietzke

We are a people of faith called by Christ to share God's Good News in today's active world.

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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.

Today	**8:30am**	**Sunday School**
	9:15am	**Worship**
	10:15am	**Fellowship**
	10:30am	**Operations**
Tuesday	**6:00pm**	**Brownies**
Wednesday	**6:00pm**	**Wednesday Warriors**
Thursday	**8:30am**	**PW Coffee**
Saturday	**1:00-3:00pm**	**PW Christmas Party**

Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th at 6:00pm.

Worship Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance	Pledges	Other Gifts
11/17	49	$825.00	$216.00
11/24	50		

(Figures represent offerings for the regular church budget).
Needed Weekly: $2650.16 – Needed Monthly $10,600.63

Church office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm
Pastor: Jessica Wietzke (pastor@grimes1stpres.org)
Church Office Manager: April Beck (office@grimes1stpres.org)

Licenses for music & videos shown during Service: CCLI #11371693, CVLI#504043952

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Serving Today, December 1st, 2019
Pastor ~ Rev. Jessica Wietzke
Organist ~ Colene Townsend
Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Advent Candle Lighters ~ The Heston Family
Communion Servers ~ Keith & Ellen Workman, Bev Boyd, Gai Shields
Ushers & Greeters ~ Denny & Kyle Rosenberg
Offering Counters ~ Gwyn Heston & Susan Ballard
Coffee Hosts ~ Keith & Ellen Workman

Serving Next Sunday, December 8th, 2019
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Ushers & Greeters ~ Vern & Bev Adams
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Greater love has no one than this,
That one lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

Session Members

Class of 2019
Bev Boyd
Carl Wong
Kristy Klyn

Class of 2020
Melodee Grefe
Gwyn Heston
Ellen Workman

Clerk Of Session: Susan Ballard

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

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THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn #133

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When Jesus spoke, crowds hung on His every word, waiting with great anticipation to hear what wisdom would come next.
People: May we live each Advent day filled with this same expectation.
Leader: May we wait and watch, expecting God's presence.
People: May we wait and watch, expecting God's surprises.
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People: May we wait and watch, expecting Christ's return.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hymn #135

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ~ The Heston Family

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Silent Night* Hymn #164(vv. 1&2)

***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**
We give You thanks, God of grace, for the way You have shown Your love to us in Jesus Christ. As the birth of Jesus brought light and hope into our world, we pray that these offerings and the gifts of our lives increase Your light in this world and bring hope to those for whom hope has faded. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER
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VIDEO Hiding Baby Jesus

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SERMON The Gift of Expectancy

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Hymn *Come to the Table (on screen)*

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (*Please take the bread and cup as it comes to you; when all are served, we will partake together. This month as we receive each element, we invite you to enter into a time of silence and prayer .)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING SONG** *Mary Did You Know (on screen)*

***CHARGE**

All: Let your light so shine that people around you will be moved by the things you do to glorify God. Go in peace; God is with us. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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