

Announcements

Choir Rehearsals

The choir will rehearse from 5-6 PM on Sunday evenings. Please pray about your part in this ministry.

Deacon's Meeting

There will be a Deacon's meeting this afternoon at 4 PM in the Conference Room.

InterVarsity Lunch

The first InterVarsity lunch for the fall semester will be September 22. This is a great chance to spend time with college students from Elon and begin to build a relationship with them. If you would like to help with the lunch we would welcome desserts or drinks or help in setting up and taking down the room. Contact Christy Gregory for more information. Hope you can join us!

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will resume meeting Tuesday September 24 at 11:45 in the church fellowship hall. Margaret and Myrleann will prepare the lunch consisting of baked chicken, rice pilaf, green salad, rolls and dessert. If you want to bring your own special dish, we will welcome it. Ed Limon will share about their trip to music camp in Mexico.

Attention Secret Sisters!

There will be a dessert fellowship on Saturday, September 28 from 2-4 in the fellowship hall. We will reveal who we had for a Secret Sister and draw names for our new Secret Sisters. If you cannot attend, please be sure to have your gift for your sister there. Secret Sister forms can be found at each entrance, which you can fill out ahead of time. Give the form to Margaret Owens or Christy Gregory if you are unable to attend but want to participate in the coming year. Please contact Margaret Owens if you are willing to make a dessert. Email mtowens62@yahoo.com or telephone 336-263-7666.

Officer Nominations

Between now and October 1 the session will receive nominations for the following positions: Elder, Deacon, Congregational Chairman, Congregational Treasurer, and Trustee. Nomination forms for elder can be found outside the sanctuary.

Missional Lunch

Please join us for our next missional potluck lunch on October 6. We have been talking about the importance of cultivating relationships with those around us. In October, we're going to begin talking about concrete outreach ideas. Even if you haven't been able to join us for the previous lunches, you are still welcome to join us.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley
Next Week: Myrleann Schwerin and Matt Causey

Children's Church:

Today: Jan Burwell and Nicole Newton
Next Week: John Robinson and Doug Cobb

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Randall Cobb

Elder Greeter

Next Week: Matt Causey

Tithes and Offerings for September 8:

General Fund \$3,151.75

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Matt Causey

2013: Doug Cobb, Matt Causey
2015: Dick Fuller, Gene Parks

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens
Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal
Secretary: Doug Glass

2013: Randall Cobb
2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Matt Causey

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Christy Gregory
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

Church Staff

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

To a believer no law is given by which he becomes righteous before God...because he is alive and righteous and saved by faith, and he needs nothing further except to prove his faith by works. Truly, if faith is there, he cannot hold back: he proves himself, breaks out into good works.

Martin Luther (†1546 A.D.)

The person who really knows God is the one who proves that he lives in his love by keeping his commandments. Love is the sure sign that we know God.

The Venerable Bede (†735 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16

Minister Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People **Save us, O God our Savior;
gather us and deliver us,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
that we may glory in your praise.**

All **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

Hymn of Preparation
10

O Worship the King

Lyons

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
59

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:
we have not done your will;
we have broken your law;
we have rebelled against your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 5:8-9

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since we have now been justified by his blood,
how much more shall we be saved
from God's wrath through him!*

Gloria Parti

*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.*

Proclamation

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 11:1-15

¹ You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. ² And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, ³ his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, ⁴ and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day, ⁵ and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, ⁶ and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. ⁷ For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did. ⁸ "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, ⁹ and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables. ¹¹ But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, ¹² a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. ¹³ "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴ he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. ¹⁵ And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full.

Minister The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Love Is...

Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ed Limon

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading

1 John 2:3-11

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. ⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Walking in Love

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

Affirmation of Faith — From Romans 1

***We believe in the gospel of God –
the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets
in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son,
who as to his human nature was a descendent of David,
and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power
to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead:
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him and for his name's sake we received grace
and are called to the obedience that comes from faith,
for his glory alone. Amen.***

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

***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,
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.***