

Announcements

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

InterVarsity Lunch. The first InterVarsity lunch for the fall semester is today! This is a great chance to spend time with college students from Elon and begin to build a relationship with them. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service!

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.

Pastor's Vacation. The pastor will be on vacation from October 10-23. If you have a need during this time, please contact one of the elders or the church office.

Adopt a College Student. Check out the bulletin board (Current Events - in the hallway between the sanctuary and narthex) to sign up to "adopt" a college student. You will commit to encourage them via notes, small gifts, and lots of prayer.

Thank you! Thank you to all the ladies who attended and helped with the Beth Moore Simulcast! We had eighty attendees! A special thanks goes to David Newton, Mark Vestal, Mary Jane Glass and Glenn Owens for generously giving their time, efforts and talents to help make it a successful day!

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Matt Causey
Next Week: Karen Jones and Macon Baird

Children's Church:

Today: John Robinson and Doug Cobb
Next Week: Joyce Payne and Tammy Cobb

Deacon on Duty

Today: Randall Cobb
Next Week: Doug Glass

Elder Greeter

Today: Matt Causey
Next Week: Doug Cobb

Tithes and Offerings for September 15:

General Fund \$5,218.92

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
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Church Staff

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The world will pass away on the day of judgment when it will be transformed by fire into something better, for then there will be a new heaven and a new earth. The lust of the world will also disappear, because there will be no place for it in the new creation. But the person who does God's will does not have to worry about this because the things which he desires are heavenly and eternal, so that they do not and cannot change, whatever happens to the world.

The Venerable Bede (†735 A.D.)

All that glitters is not gold;
Often have you heard that told:
Many a man his life hath sold
But my outside to behold:
Gilded tombs do worms enfold.
Had you been as wise as bold,
Young in limbs, in judgement old
Your answer had not been in scroll'd
Fare you well, your suit is cold.

William Shakespeare (†1616 A.D.)

All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.
From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall be king.

J. R. R. Tolkien (†1973 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship

Minister Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who created us.

People **Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Minister Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

People **To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

Hymn of Preparation
199 Arise, My Soul, Arise *Lenox*

Adoration

Invocation
Hymn of Adoration
204 Rock of Ages *Toplady*

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Acts 10:43
All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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.

Proclamation

Old Testament Reading *Ecclesiastes 12:1-14*

¹ Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴ and the doors on the street are shut--when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low-- ⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets-- ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity. ⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. ¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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

Anthem Thy Word *Choir*

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading *1 John 2:12-17*

¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.
¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.
¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
¹⁶ For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world.
¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Walking in the Will of God Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response
382 Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

Affirmation of Faith — From 1 Corinthians 15

We believe that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at the same time. After that he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude