

Announcements

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.

Women's Morning Bible Study. Change of date for October! Please note that we will meet on **October 15** at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. We are taking a speedy look at God's picture book (Revelation) and welcome all interested women to join us.

Women's Evening Bible Study. The Tuesday evening ladies' Bible study will be on October 8th from 6:30-7:30 in the new church foyer. All ladies are welcome. The topic is "Finding Home." Contact: Dot Hutelmyer thehutelmymom@hotmail.com or 584-4654.

Young at Heart. We had a wonderful turn out on Tuesday. Mark your calendar for October 22 for our next luncheon. Special thanks to Margaret and Glenn Owens and Myrleann Schwerin for food preparation and to Ed Limon for the program.

Homecoming. Homecoming is scheduled for November 3, 2013. Mark your calendar and plan to be here.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Karen Jones and Macon Baird
Next Week: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley

Children's Church:

Today: Joyce Payne and Tammy Cobb
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Britt Causey

Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Elder Greeter

Today: Doug Cobb
Next Week: None scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for September 22:

General Fund \$3,410.94

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Philosophical pluralism is the ideology that refuses to allow any single religion or worldview to claim an exclusive hold on the truth. It denies that there are any absolutes. It insists that all religions and worldviews must be seen as equally valid... To suggest otherwise is to be arrogant and intolerant. No religion can claim to be superior to any other. You may practice your faith as long as you realize it is only one of many true faiths. If what you believe is true at all, it is only relatively true... But at the same time that philosophical pluralism denies other religions the right to lay claim to the truth, it presents its own worldview as the absolute truth... In the end philosophical pluralism's dismissal of dogma turns out to be just another dogma.

Philip Graham Ryken

Where I found truth, there found I my God, who is the truth itself.
Augustine (†430 A.D)

The best evidence of our having the truth is our walking in the truth.
Matthew Henry (†1714 A.D)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Revelation 15

Minister Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

People **Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.**

Minister Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

People **For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!**

Hymn of Preparation
108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
278

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetting that you alone are the Judge. We have acted in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Forgive us and help us to live as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 147
*The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.*

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

Psalm 86

- ¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- ² Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you--you are my God.
- ³ Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.
- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
- ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- ¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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

Anthem

One Voice

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading

1 John 2:18-27

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us--eternal life. ²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie--just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Walking in the Truth

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. 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

One Voice

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