

Announcements

Missional Lunch. Please join us for our missional potluck lunch today. 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. The next Young at Heart will be October 22 at 11:45. Kim Crawford from Allied Churches will be speaking. The menu will be soup and sandwich with dessert prepared for everyone; however, anyone who wants to bring a dish is welcome to. We had a wonderful turnout at the September meeting. Mark your calendar and don't miss this special time of food, fun, and fellowship!

Gideons Sunday. October 27, 2013. Our Gideons speaker will be Randy Simmons. He is a local contractor and serves as our State Gideons New Member Coordinator. If you wish to contribute to this ministry, **checks should be made out directly to Gideons International.**

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

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley
Next Week: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley

Children's Church:

Today: Nicole Newton and Britt Causey
Next Week: Lynn Limon and Betty Bessette

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for September 29:

General Fund \$2,537.40

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The grace of our Creator is so great that he has allowed us both to know him and to love him, and moreover, to love him as children love a wonderful father. It would be no small thing if we were able to love God in the way that a servant loves his master or a worker his employer. But loving God as father is much greater still.

The Venerable Bede (†735 A.D.)

As Christian people we must learn to appropriate by faith the fact that God is our Father. Christ taught us to pray "Our Father." This eternal everlasting God has become our Father and the moment we realize that, everything tends to change. He is our Father and He is always caring for us, He loves us with an everlasting love, He so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son into the world and to the Cross to die for our sins. That is our relationship to God and the moment we realize it, it transforms everything.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (†1981 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Matthew 11:28-29

Minister And Jesus declared:
"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

People **Amen!**

Hymn of Preparation
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
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God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

Beecher

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our Heavenly Father: your word teaches us to “strive for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” Forgive us, Father, when we turn the truth of the gospel into cheap grace, believing that you turn a blind eye to the way we live. Forgive us for only asking for forgiveness when we have been caught in sin, instead of asking for forgiveness because we are sorry for our sin. Help us to live as children who desire to please their Father and who live and are changed by your grace in everything we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:15-17

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

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 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

Selah

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Selah

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say,

“Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Minister The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

New Testament Reading

1 John 2:28-3:10

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. ^{3:1} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²

Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Living as Children of God

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Hymn of Response

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And Can It Be?

Sagina

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made;

Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Kyle Vines

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