

Announcements

Ladies Bible Studies. The morning and evening Bible studies are scheduled for Nov. 12, 2013.

LADIES! Holiday Make and Take! There will be a Holiday Make and Take on Saturday, November 16 from 2-5 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We will have 5 holiday gifts that you can make as well as cookies, hot drinks and fun. The gifts include a wreath, a holiday decorative item, a special coaster, a couple of kitchen items and a special tea. The cost will be \$10 and will include all 5 gifts. Please join us and invite friends! Contact Christy Gregory if you have questions.

Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be collected in the Fellowship Hall until Sunday, Nov 17. Brochures for packing and labeling will be available at the entrances. Please include the \$7 fee. Any questions, contact Joyce Payne (email: joycepay@gmail.com)

InterVarsity. A big "thank you" to all who helped with the last InterVarsity lunch. It was a great time and the students were taught to share the gospel through their stories and God's big story. Our last lunch of the semester is Nov. 24 from 1-3. Please consider attending, bringing a dessert, and welcoming people to the church through this ministry. Any help with setting up and cleanup is always welcome! Bryan will be speaking on "Being Made in the Image of God." Please contact Christy Gregory if you have questions or can help in some way.

Thanksgiving Service. Our annual Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30pm. The service will include singing, prayer, and a short devotional. Please join us as we express our gratitude to God for all he has done for us.

Young at Heart. Tim and Lynn Robinson and Ann Garner will be on the program for our next meeting on Tuesday, **December 3**, which will be a Thanksgiving/Christmas theme and menu. There will be plenty of food, but if you have a special dish you'd like to share, we will eat it! (Note: There is no meeting in November.)

Allied Churches. There is an immediate need for bath towels. We are asking the Young at Heart members and members of the congregation to purchase bath towels for Allied Churches. The towels may be placed in the Allied collection baskets or brought to the luncheon on December 3. Also, if you want to participate but cannot get out, you may give your monetary contribution to Margaret or Glenn Owens who will shop for you.

Siloam Missionary Homes. "Catch the Spirit of Christmas," Fri. and Sat., Dec. 6 and 7 from 5:30-8:00. Siloam Missionary Homes will be beautifully decorated. There will be fun for the entire family. The Christmas story will be told, accompanied with a chalk drawing under black lights. Admission: Cars \$5, Vans \$10, Church vans \$15. See the flyers on the bulletin boards! You can also find more info on their website, <http://www.siloamhomes.org>

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Stephen Robinson and Mary Jane Glass
Next Week: Tammy Cobb and John Robinson

Children's Church:

Today: Jan Burwell and Dot Hutelmyer
Next Week: Christy Gregory and Britt Causey

Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal
Next Week: Randall Cobb

Elder Greeter

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Doug Cobb

Tithes and Offerings for November 3:

General Fund \$ 4,741.80

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay upon the Father, the greatest unkindness you can do to Him is not to believe that He loves you.

John Owen (†1683 A.D)

Is it a small thing in your eyes to be loved by God – to be the son, the spouse, the love, the delight of the King of glory? Christian, believe this, and think about it: you will be eternally embraced in the arms of the love which was from everlasting, and will extend to everlasting – of the love which brought the Son of God's love from heaven to earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to glory – that love which was weary, hungry, tempted, scorned, scourged, buffeted, spat upon, crucified, pierced – which fasted, prayed, taught, healed, wept, sweated, bled, died. That love will eternally embrace you.

Richard Baxter (†1691 A.D)

Prelude

Grace Flows Down

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 86

Minister There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

People **For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**

Hymn of Preparation
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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
364

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks. For the times we have been unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern. For the times we have been too weak to stand up for what is right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice. For the times we have refused to forgive others and have nursed our bitterness instead. Father, forgive us according to your all-sufficient grace to us in Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 2 Corinthians 4
May God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," make his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus who has saved us from all our sin.

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

Reception of New Members
Isaac, Chelle, and William Spencer

Old Testament Reading *2 Samuel 7:18-29*

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! ²⁰ And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! ²¹ Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. ²² Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? ²⁴ And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁵ And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. ²⁶ And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. ²⁷ For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. ²⁹ Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

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

Anthem Autumn Carol Choir

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading *1 John 4:7-21*

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Love One Another Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
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Affirmation of Faith — Based on 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

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 *Elon Students*
One Thing Remains

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