

## Announcements

**Christmas Memorial and Honorarium Poinsettias.** Order forms and envelopes can be found at each entrance. Deadline is 12/1/2013. You may indicate if it is an honorarium.

**Christmas Decorating.** We will have a church decorating day on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am. Come out and help decorate for Christmas! Light snacks will be provided.

**Operation Christmas Child.** Today is the deadline for Christmas boxes. Please include the \$7 fee. Any questions, contact Joyce Payne (email: [joycepay@gmail.com](mailto:joycepay@gmail.com))

**InterVarsity.** Our last lunch of the semester is next week, 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>

**Ladies Morning Bible Study.** Our final meeting for the year is Tuesday, December 10 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. This will be the final look at the pictures in Revelation 17-22. Our study for 2014 will be Proverbs. Newcomers or old-timers are always welcome!

**Ladies Evening Bible Study.** To be announced. Please contact Dot Hutelmyer for information.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Tammy Cobb and John Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Cobb and Christy Gregory

### Children's Church:

Today: Christy Gregory and Britt Causey  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Gene Parks

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Randall Cobb  
Next Week: Doug Glass

### Elder Greeter

Today: Doug Cobb  
Next Week: None Scheduled

### Tithes and Offerings for November 10:

General Fund	\$ 3,262.27
Faith Promise	\$ 60.00

## 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

Pastor: Rev. Bryan Gregory  
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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2013

## Preparation

### Silent Meditation

The coupling joins a train of cars to a locomotive. The coupling has no power in itself. It cannot move a single car an inch. All the power is in the locomotive. But the coupling is the link by which the power of the locomotive is transmitted to the cars. Faith has no power in itself; it is not a ground of salvation; it is not a good work. It is merely that by which all the goodness and grace and glory of Christ comes to the sinner.

John Gerstner (†1996 A.D)

When sight ceases, it is the time for faith to work. The greater the difficulties, the easier it is for faith. As long as human possibilities for success remain, faith does not accomplish things as easily as when all natural prospects fail.

George Müller (†1898 A.D)

### Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 103

*Minister* Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.  
Praise the Lord, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.  
Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.  
Praise the Lord, all his works,  
everywhere in his dominion.

*People* **Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

Hymn of Preparation  
233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Hyfrydol*

## Adoration

### Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
4

How Great Thou Art

*How Great Thou Art*

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us and set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember your grace symbolized in our baptism, we give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, in whose strong name we pray. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Jeremiah 33:8

*I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*

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

Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of New Member

*Deborah McGrogan*

Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 14:10-14*

<sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

*Minister* The Word of the Lord

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

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Handbell Choir*

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

New Testament Reading

*1 John 5:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify:

<sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

A Faith that Overcomes

Rev. Bryan Gregory

## Dedication

Hymn of Response

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Man of Sorrows! what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood  
He sealed my pardon with His blood  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Guilty, vile, and helpless me;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
“It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in Heaven exalted high  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

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

Come Ye Thankful People

*Handbell Choir*

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