

Announcements

Denominational Offering. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. You will find an insert and envelope in today's bulletin. You may return your offering today through December 8.

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.

InterVarsity. Our last lunch of the semester is today from 1-3. Any help with setting up and cleanup is always welcome! Bryan will be speaking on "Being Made in the Image of God."

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! Rumor has it that there will be door prizes too!!

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: Doug Cobb and Christy Gregory
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Tammy Cobb

Children's Church:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Gene Parks
Next Week: John Robinson and Matt Causey

Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Matt Causey

Tithes and Offerings for November 17:

General Fund \$ 3,385.23

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

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The only monarch who ever deserved that man should fall down before him was a child of poverty, whose life was spent in teaching, and who died an ignominious death.
Martin Luther (†1546 A.D)

Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised.

John Bunyan (†1688 A.D)

Prelude

Christ Is Risen

Elon Students

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 95

Minister O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Minister For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed

People **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Hymn of Preparation

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O Worship the King

Lyons

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our glorious and righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him and have sometimes been slow to acknowledge his rule. We give our allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us and change us to be people who acclaim him as ruler of all. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Revelation 5:5, 9-10

Weep no more!

*See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has triumphed.*

*With his blood he has ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

*He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.*

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

Psalms 96

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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

Anthem

A Round of Thanks

Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

He's Been Faithful

One Voice

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading

1 John 5:13-21

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. ¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life--to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. ¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Confidence in Christ

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Affirmation of Faith — Based on 1 Peter 3

***We confess that Christ died for sins once for all,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God.
He was put to death in the body
but was brought to life by the Spirit,
in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison.
And we confess that our salvation
is by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at God's right hand –
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
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.***