

Announcements

Alamance County Right to Life. You're invited to light candles to remember the unborn babies who have died by abortion. Please consider meeting at Courthouse Square, Graham on January 22, 2014, from 6:00-6:30 PM. For more information, call 336-213-5085 or email abhuffman@gmail.com.

Young at Heart. January 28, 2014. Ann Baker from Meals On Wheels will be the speaker in January. We are having baked spaghetti, salad, and plain and garlic bread. Don't miss this great time of fellowship!

Blakey Hall. Next Sunday, January 26 is another opportunity to minister to our community. We meet on the 2nd floor at 6:30 PM. Please consider this as a family outreach ministry for 2014. We typically sing hymns and sometimes just visit with the residents. They love children! Please contact Britt Causey at 336-266-1685 if you would like more information.

2014 Offering Envelopes. If you haven't yet picked up your packet, you may find them in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions Highlights. When you hear of Trinidad as CONNIE BENNETT'S destination this week, what do you know about this place? Carnival time during Lent? Calypso dancing and steel band music? An island off the coast of Venezuela? Factual yes, but not Connie's purpose in sharing her time and money. For the fourth year she will be part of a team composed of 14 men and women--physicians, dentists, nurses and other Christians sharing their gifts with as many as 500 people who are blessed physically as well as spiritually by their efforts. This ministry flows out of a local church and requires police protection as they offer their services in potentially dangerous places. They will appreciate our prayers for safety in travel, the services offered to needy people and opportunities to share the gospel as well as to encourage believers who live there. Connie left on January 17 and will return on the 26th.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Stephen Robinson and Doug Cobb
Next Week: Jessica Richardson and Macon Baird

Children's Church:

Today: John Robinson and Tammy Cobb
Next Week: Joyce Payne and Kristen Carter

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Bill Haynes

Elder/Deacon Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Tim Bessette

Tithes and Offerings for January 12:

General Fund \$ 3,907.57

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens
Vice Chairman: Tim Bessette
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough
2016: David Newton, Tim Bessette

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led.

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

O spread Thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

Philip Doddridge (†1751 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship — Psalm 9

Minister We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
We will be glad and exult in you.

People **We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Hymn of Preparation
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
34

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you in return as we should. You call to us, but we do not always listen. You bless us, but we do not always respond with gratitude. For these we repent and ask your forgiveness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 2:13-14

When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

New Testament Reading

John 1:29-51

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom

there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

Anthem

Rejoice!

Choir

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

God's Grace to Broken People: Stairway from Heaven

Dedication

Hymn of Response
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Nearer, My God, to Thee

Bethany

Affirmation of Faith — From 1 Timothy 3

We affirm the mystery of godliness – that Christ Jesus appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, and was taken up in glory. 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

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