

## Announcements

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

**Children's Ministry Coordinator.** By the Lord's grace, Chelle Spencer will be our new volunteer children's ministry coordinator. Chelle has a background in children's ministry and a heart to see our children cared for and disciplined into spiritual maturity. She will provide support and leadership to this important part of the church's ministry. Please join in welcoming her to this role!

**Missions Moment.** Take the time to check the attractive, informative bulletin board in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Make a note of which efforts are local and which ones have a much more distant outreach. When you receive your copy of our 2014 church directory check the back pages to find answers to these questions. Take time to read the posted materials in the hallway to make your prayers for these fellow Christians more effective.

**InterVarsity. New Time:** Today, February 23rd at 1:30. **New Location:** Elon's Numen Lumen Pavilion. Please let Christy Gregory know if you are able to provide a **dessert or drink, or if you are able to join us.** It is a blessing to the students to have people in the area who know them and care about them. The topic for February is prayer and we will be doing a prayer walk together.

**Missions Pot Luck.** March 9th there will be a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service for Connie's mission trip report. Please save the date and come to hear and see what God is doing in Trinidad!!

**Young at Heart.** Plan to join us on Tuesday, February 25. Sheri Henderson from the Boys and Girls Club will be speaking on February 25. The menu will be baked spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. This is always a fun time of food and fellowship!

**2014 Church Directory.** Please pick up the new directory outside Gloria's office.

**G.I.R.L. (Getting Into Real Life). March 2nd: 12:30 lunch.** We will carpool after church to Jessie Richardson's house and have sandwiches together (all food is provided), enjoy a time to get to know one another better, and to hear Jessie's story. We will return to the church by 2:00. Please RSVP to Christy Gregory so that we can organize food.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Karen Jones and Doug Cobb

### Children's Church:

Today: Dot Hutelmyer and Lynn Limon  
Next Week: Christy Gregory and Tammy Cobb

### Elder/Deacon Counter:

Today: Gene Parks  
Next Week: Bill Haynes

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal  
Next Week: Doug Glass

### Elder Greeter

Today: Jim Knox  
Next Week: None Scheduled

### Tithes and Offerings for February 16:

General Fund \$ 3,739.84  
Faith Promise \$ 650.00

## 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 Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer  
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington  
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

## Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Christy Gregory  
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller  
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

## Church Staff

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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2014

## Preparation

Silent Meditation

Of whom shall I be afraid? One with God is a majority.  
Martin Luther (†1546 A.D.)

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer – His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.  
John Newton (†1807 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship — Psalm 27

*Minister* The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

*People* **The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

*Minister* Though an enemy encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet will I be confident.

*All* **One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to meditate in his temple.**

Hymn of Preparation  
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

## Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
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A Mighty Fortress

Ein' Feste Burg

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a fervent and pure heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are saddened by the prejudices and preferences we carry in our hearts, rebuilding the dividing wall of hostility that you have torn down. We have not done justly in all things; we have not shown mercy to all people; we have exalted ourselves over others. Forgive us, O God, and lead us by your hand as we extend our hands to others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 5:1-2

*Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access into this grace in which we stand; and we boast in hope of the glory of God.*

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

Missions Moment

*Elizabeth Johnson*

New Testament Reading

*2 Timothy 2:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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

Anthem

The Wonder of His Love

*Choir*

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 32:1-21*

<sup>1</sup> Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. <sup>2</sup> And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim. <sup>3</sup> And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, <sup>4</sup> instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. <sup>5</sup> I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'" <sup>6</sup> And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." <sup>7</sup> Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, <sup>8</sup> thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape." <sup>9</sup> And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' <sup>10</sup> I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. <sup>11</sup> Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. <sup>12</sup> But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'" <sup>13</sup> So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, <sup>14</sup> two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, <sup>15</sup> thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. <sup>16</sup> These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove." <sup>17</sup> He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' <sup>18</sup> then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.'" <sup>19</sup> He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, <sup>20</sup> and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." <sup>21</sup> So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

God’s Grace to Broken People: Two Camps

Rev. Bryan Gregory

## Dedication

Hymn of Response  
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Who Is on the Lord’s Side?

*Armageddon*

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

*Courtney Vereide and Maggie Miller*  
God is Able

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