

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.

Sympathy. Please pray for the family of Eunice Baulding who passed away on March 11, 2014.

Missions Pot Luck. Today we will gather for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service for Connie's mission trip report. Please plan to join us and hear her report about what God is doing in Trinidad.

InterVarsity. Thank you for helping at the last InterVarsity Fellowship meeting. Plan to join us today, March 16th at 1:30 at Elon. Please let Christy know if you can provide drinks and/or dessert. We will be talking about having spiritual conversations. **Save the date:** Last one will be April 27 and Bryan will be answering tough questions.

G.I.R.L. Time. Plan to join us this evening from 6:30-7:30 at the church. Lynn Limon will be doing a study on loving each other as God intended. Desserts will be provided. **Save the date** for Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 at Dot Hutelmyer's house to do a craft for children in the hospital.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study. 10:30 AM on March 18 in the conference room. "What does the book of Proverbs tell us about our work?" Come join us!

Young at Heart. Young At Heart will be collecting candy and plastic eggs for Easter baskets and an Easter egg hunt at the Boys and Girls Club of Alamance County. Collection baskets are in the Fellowship Hall, on the side wall close to the coatrack. Please have your contributions at the church by March 25 when we have our next meeting. Monetary gifts are always welcome. Ann Baker from Meals On Wheels will be our guest speaker. The menu will be chicken, baked beans, green beans and salad. If you are willing to bring a dessert or plan to bring something else please let Margaret or Glenn know. Thanks to everyone that helps to make our YAH successful.

Missions Moment. The SALVATION ARMY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB has three full-time staff who daily bless over 100 youth in our county with programs designed to address a wide variety of needs. Volunteers are always welcome and currently contributions to fill 125 Easter baskets is another way we can support this ministry. Use the container provided in the Fellowship Hall for chocolate candy and plastic eggs or give money to Glenn or Margaret Owens.

Directory Corrections. It has come to our attention that there are some errors in the directory. An addendum is available outside Gloria's office.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Mary Jane Glass and Myrleann Schwerin
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Kristen Carter

Children's Church:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Betty Bessette
Next Week: Karen Jones and Lynn Limon

Counter:

Today: Mark Vestal
Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for March 2:

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| General Fund | \$ 5,480.92 |
| World Witness/Birthday Offering | \$ 1.00 |

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

Church Staff

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Here we see the infinite love of God, that He has been pleased to think of us poor creatures from everlasting and make it His work to reconcile us to Himself. And here is the foundation of the sweetness and comfort of all the mercies of God to those who are reconciled to Him: they are the fruits of the eternal love of God for us.
Jeremiah Burroughs (†1646 A.D.)

Real reconciliation means complete and authentic acceptance of one another, despite sins, offenses, and transgressions: an authentic bond between persons in a spirit of love and humility. There will always be sins and offenses. But if we can live in mature forgiveness and communion with others, in humility accepting one another as God accepts us, then our communities and churches will be transparent—revealing the Kingdom of Heaven, filled with divine grace.
Hieromonk Jonah

It is important to recognize your limits. ... Do all you can to be reconciled to others, but remember that you cannot force others to do what is right. If you have done everything within your power to resolve a conflict, you have fulfilled your responsibility to God and may stop actively trying to solve the problem... It is not necessary or wise to waste time, energy, and resources fretting about someone who stubbornly refuses to be reconciled.
Ken Sande

Prelude

Beautiful Things

Brooke Winters
Courtney Vereide

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship — 1 Chronicles 16

Minister Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior,
gather and deliver us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
that we may glory in your praise."

People **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

Hymn of Preparation
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All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

