

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. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Carol Little (Marion Angel's daughter) who passed away on March 21, 2014. Please uphold this family in prayer during this time.

Children's Ministry. There will be a lunch in honor of the Children's Ministry workers today right after church. We will be doing some training for teachers after the meal.

G.I.R.L. TIME. Join us on Sunday, April 6th at 6:30. We will meet at the church at 6:20 to carpool together to Dot Hutelmyer's house for a time of fellowship and making yarn dolls for sick children. We will get to hear someone's story and will have a tropical theme - so wear your floral prints and come and enjoy tropical snacks and drinks. **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday 4/27 (Easter is the 20th). Time and theme TBA.

InterVarsity. Thank you for helping at the last InterVarsity Fellowship training time. Please join us for the FINAL one of the semester on Sunday, April 27th at 1:30 at Elon in the Numen Lumen Pavilion. Bryan will be answering tough questions. Again, we need snacks, drinks, and would love for you to come!

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Stephen Robinson and Connie Bennett
Next Week: Karen Jones and Macon Baird

Children's Church:

Today: Dot Hutelmyer and Christy Gregory
Next Week: Christy Gregory and Donna Wolff

Counter:

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Bill Haynes

Deacon on Duty

Today: David Newton
Next Week: Doug Glass

Elder Greeter

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for March 23:

General Fund \$3,940.50
Memorials to Eunice Baulding: \$ 135.00

(Given by: Laurene Howington, Graig and Carolyn Pulley,
Fred and Pat Cumming, Larry and Lynne Causey)

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: Mark Vestal
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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

T. S. Eliot (†1965 A.D.)

The providence of God watches for our salvation,
even when it most seems to sleep.

John Calvin (†1564 A.D.)

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 105

Minister Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
For he is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded,
for a thousand generations.

People **Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Preparation
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we are confronted by your holiness that reveals our sinfulness and shame. Too often we want to justify our behavior instead of looking honestly at our hearts. Many times we do not even recognize the the height of your holiness and the depth of our sinfulness. Teach us again that to lose our life is to gain it; to die to self is to be alive in your Kingdom; to follow the example of Christ is to experience abundant and eternal life. We pray through him who has loved us with all-surpassing love, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 6:4-6, 8, 11

*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.*

*For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

*We know that our old self was crucified with him,
in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*

*Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.*

*So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

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

Philippians 1:1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Handbell Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 35:1-15

¹ God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." ² So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. ³ Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." ⁴ So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem. ⁵ And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. ⁶ And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, ⁷ and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. ⁸ And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth. ⁹ God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰ And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. ¹¹ And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹² The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." ¹³ Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴ And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. ¹⁵ So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

God’s Grace to Broken People: Back to Bethel

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

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

Triumphant March

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