

Announcements

Pulpit Supply. This morning we are privileged to have Rev. Bryan Crotts filling the pulpit. Bryan currently serves as Teacher at Providence Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Greensboro. He was formerly associate pastor at Christ Community Church (ARP) and Huntersville ARP Church. Bryan grew up in Burlington and was a member at Hillside Presbyterian Church. He is married to Mandy and they have three children.

Pastoral Needs. Our pastor will be away from June 9-21 for General Synod (our annual denominational meeting) and study leave. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact one of the elders.

Missional Lunch. Please join us after church on June 29 for another missional lunch. We will discuss some practical ways to live out our faith in the community. Please bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you there!

GIRL Time. We will have a Bible study on July 6; time and place to be announced.

Ladies. July 27-28 will be here before we know it! There will be a women's gathering and concert at Bonclarken to kick off the Family Bible Conference. Please let Jessie Richardson know if you are interested in attending. Her email address is: richardson.jessica83@gmail.com

Young At Heart. We had a wonderful year of food, fellowship, fun, and involvement with several local ministries. We are looking forward to resuming for the 2014-2015 year. See you in September!

Mission Moment. SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES are located in Snow Camp and have been providing a place for families on furlough for the past 22 years. Currently 13 of the 14 houses are occupied. The houses have facilities ranging from one to four bedrooms. There are 33 acres of land on which a family center, chapel, recreation and exercise rooms, playgrounds and a mini farm are located. "Dad's Country Store" provides necessary food supplies for the families. Goats, sheep and chickens supply fresh meat for them. Community members are invited to take part in special events during the year, and a monthly Senior Citizen visit day is offered too. Volunteers are always needed as well. Another worthy local outreach for our prayers!

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Chelle Spencer and Mary Jane Glass
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Kristen Carter

Children's Church:

Today: Jan Burwell and Tammy Cobb
Next Week: Lynn Limon and Stephen Robinson

Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: None Scheduled

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for June 8:

General Fund \$4,959.71

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 First Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Faith is to believe what we do not see,
and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.
St. Augustine (†430 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-7a

Minister Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People **For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

Minister 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 his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Hymn of Preparation
18

Come, We That Love the Lord

St. Thomas

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
8

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done: and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant that we may live godly lives to your glory, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 32:3-5

*While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

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

Psalm 101

- ¹ I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
- ² I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
- ³ I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me.
- ⁴ A perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will know nothing of evil.
- ⁵ Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly
I will destroy.
Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart
I will not endure.
- ⁶ I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
he who walks in the way that is blameless
shall minister to me.
- ⁷ No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house;
no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.
- ⁸ Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land,
cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

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

Anthem

Take My Voice and Let Me Sing

Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-40

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated-- ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy--wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Wanted: More Heroes of the Faith

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
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

Ed Limon

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