

Announcements

Farewell Luncheon. Today following the worship service we will gather for a special farewell luncheon for the Gregory family.

Ladies Bible Study. The Tuesday morning ladies Bible study that was scheduled for August 12 has been postponed until September.

G.I.R.L Time. Here are some dates for your calendar! Plan to join us for these wonderful times of fellowship.

August 3 - Bible study by Nicole Newton

August 19 - Dinner at Maria's at 6:00 pm

September 3 - Bible study by Fran Haynes, 7:30 pm at Starbucks on Huffman Mill Rd

September 14 - 2 pm - TBA

Missions Potluck. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on August 17 after the morning worship service for a potluck, at which time Carlos Gomez will be sharing with us his ministry in Spain and will be happy to answer any questions. The main dish, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Young At Heart. We are looking forward with excitement to the 2014-2015 year of fellowship and programs, and of course, food! See you in September!

Limon Mission Trip. Please continue to pray for Ed as he continues his missions trip and for Lynn who had to return for medical reasons.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

August 3 - Bob Wilson

August 10 - Bob Wilson

August 17 - Bryan Crofts

August 24 - Bryan Crofts

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Chelle Spencer

Next Week: Nicole Newton and Isaac Spencer

Children's Church:

Today: Kristen Carter and Jan Burwell

Next Week: Chelle Spencer and Doug Cobb

Counter:

Today: Bill Haynes

Next Week: Doug Glass

Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal

Next Week: Glenn Owens

Tithes and Offerings for July 20:

General Fund \$2,422.56

Faith Promise \$ 50.00

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: Mark Vestal

Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal

2015: Doug Glass

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: Jessica Richardson

Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller

Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Yet the duties God requires of us are not in proportion to the strength we possess in ourselves. Rather, they are proportional to the resources available to us in Christ. We do not have the ability in ourselves to accomplish the least of God's tasks. This is a law of grace. When we recognize it is impossible to perform a duty in our own strength, we will discover the secret of its accomplishment. But alas, this is a secret we often fail to discover.

John Owen (†1683 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 89

Minister I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

People **Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

Hymn of Preparation 34

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration 61

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

Hyfrydol

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 us 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 — Zephaniah 3:14-17

*Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
O Daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away your punishment,
He has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”*

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

Psalms 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

Anthem

When You Pass Through the Water

One Voice

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:17-38

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

To God and His Grace

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

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

Here is Love

One Voice

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