

Announcements

Welcome. 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 in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

Denominational Offering Insert. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. This offering will be collected November 23 through December 7.

Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms and envelopes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. The deadline for ordering is TODAY. The order has to be placed tomorrow.

Advent Season. The preparation of our church for the Advent Season involves "hanging of the greens" and decorating two Narthex trees with chrismon ornaments, and placing the poinsettia plants. Please consider lending a hand for this special occasion on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Donuts and beverages will be provided.

Young at Heart. Our Young at Heart group will have its Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food items already committed include ham and turkey breast, sweet potato casserole, fruit salad, deviled eggs, pie, bread and drinks. Still needed are vegetables, salads, and desserts. Contact Lola Knox if you have questions concerning the food. FOY EVANS will present the program.

Visiting World Witness Missionary. On December 7, during the Sunday School hour, Missionary Andy Howard will be at our church to tell us about his work with the ARP Mission Schools in Pakistan. This will take place of the regular adult classes. Please make a special effort to attend.

Upcoming Business Items. The Congregational Meeting to elect officers and approve the 2015 budget is scheduled for December 7th. Please see the nominees inside the bulletin.

Ladies Christmas Party. On Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm we will meet at Mosca's downtown Burlington. We will order off the menu (plan on \$7-\$13), but we will provide a special dessert treat. A gift exchange is planned. Please bring a gift (\$10-\$15 value) if you'd like to participate. Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson by Sunday, December 5 at 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

Christmas Caroling is planned for Sunday evening, December 21 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we bring joy to some of our shut-ins. Any questions? See Ed Limon. we will provide cookies and hot chocolate after we carol.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Spencer Clifford

November 30 - Spencer Clifford

Office Closed. The church office will be closed on Thursday, 11/27 and Friday, 11/28.

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Isaac Spencer

Next Week: Karen Jones and Doug Cobb

Counter:

Today: Mark Vestal

Next Week: Bill Haynes

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Glenn Owens

Next Week: David Newton

Tithes and Offerings for November 16:

General Fund \$2,067.63

Floral \$ 20.00

The Session

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 (2014), Gene Parks (2015), Steve Kyaw (2017)

Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer

Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington

Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

Church Staff

Pastor:

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Prelude

We Plow the Fields

Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1-4 (Responsive Reading)

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious. Say to God,

"How awesome are Thy works! Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine enemies will give feigned obedience to Thee."

All the earth will worship Thee, and will sing praises to Thee;

They will sing praises to Thy name."

* Hymn of Preparation

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Thou Art Worthy

Worthy

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*** Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you:

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon -

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

* 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 - Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Anthem

A Round of Thanks

Choir

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION ON DECEMBER 7, 2014

New Testament Reading - John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

LORD of the Feast

Rev. Spencer Clifford

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from whence 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

David Newton

* 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.*

Closing Prayer

The following Elder and Deacon Candidates have been nominated and were certified by the Session:

Bennett Richardson, Elder
John Robinson, Elder
Jay Snow, Elder
(You may vote for up to (3) three)

Macon Baird, Deacon
Stephen Robinson, Deacon
(You may vote for up to (2) Two)

Others nominated are:
Laurene Howington, Treasurer
Doug Glass, Congregational Chair
Dot Hutelmyer, Congregational Chair
Jim Knox, Trustee, Class of 2018
Ferald Mann, Trustee, Class of 2016 (vacant position)
(You may vote for (1) for each position)

The Session recommends that to be elected, a candidate is required to receive a majority of the votes cast.