

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. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. Brochures and envelopes are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Today is the last day to contribute to this offering.

Visiting World Witness Missionary. Please welcome Missionary Andy Howard who is with us today to share about his work with the ARP Mission Schools in Pakistan.

Congregational Meeting. The Congregational Meeting to elect officers and approve the 2015 budget is today following the worship service. 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. Please contact Jessie Richardson for more details.

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.

Bridal Shower. The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower honoring Josh Limon and Kimber Palk for their upcoming marriage. The shower will be held at the home of Dot Hutelmyer on Sunday, December 21st. It will be a floating shower from 2-4 pm. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Christmas Eve Service. Please make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service at 5 pm. Rev. Stephen Crotts will conduct the service.

Limon Wedding. Ed and Lynn Limon are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their son Joshua, to Kimber Leeanne Palk, on Friday, January 2 at 4 pm here at our church. The congregation is welcome to attend the wedding ceremony.

Trinidad Mission. Jessie Richardson, Donna Wolff and Connie Bennett will be going on a medical mission January 16th - 25th to Trinidad. We would like to raise prayer support and assistance with the costs of the trip. Let us know if you would be willing to pray for us, the trip, the team, and the people we will meet at our clinics. If you wish to give financially you can send a check to: **MTW, P.O. Box 116284, Atlanta, Ga., 30368-6284.** *In the memo line put Event# EV5944 and the name of the person to whom you are giving.* Thank you for all your caring and praying.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Wilson
December 14 - Bob Wilson

Ministry Information

Nursery:
Today: Nicole Newton and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Macon Baird

Counter:
Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Jim Knox

Deacon on Duty:
Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Tithes and Offerings for November 30:
General Fund \$2138.00
Fall Offering \$ 405.00 (\$985.00 to date)

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:

Music Director / Organist: Ed Limon
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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation - John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ⁹ There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 135:1-4 (Responsive Reading)

Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord;
Praise Him, O servants of the Lord,

**You who stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God!**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
Sing praises to His name, for it is lovely.

**For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His own possession.**

* Hymn of Preparation
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O Holy Night

Cantique De Noel

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Adeste Fideles

*** Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

Genesis 6:5 - Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole [a]law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Romans 3:10 & 23 - ¹⁰ as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Romans 3:24-28

²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

* 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

Mission Moment

Andy Howard

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

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

Anthem

Were You There?

Choir

New Testament Reading - Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

God Prepares Mary

Dr. Bob Wilson

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
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Silent Night! Holy Night!

Stille Nacht

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

Julie Snow

* 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

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION DECEMBER 7, 2014

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary are in honor or memory of the following loved ones:

In Memory of Lewis Isley and Lita Boswell by Harold and Shirley Boswell

In Memory of Bobby Garner and our 49 years together. Your loving wife, Anne

In Memory of Frances and Nelson Teal by Bill and Fran Haynes

In Memory of Jim Howington (husband) by Laurene Howington

In Honor of Gloria Hendry by Jim and Lola Knox

In Memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Sato Limon by Ed and Lynn Limon

In Memory of Eunice Baulding and Elmer Baulding by Jason Massey

In Memory of our grandson, Eric Renegar by Chuck and Mary Renegar

In Honor of Rucker and Audrey Turner by Kenny, Wendell, and David Turner

In Memory of my twin sister, Dianne W. Harbin by Donna W. Wolff

—MJ and Doug - 8 plants