

## 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.

**Congregational Officer Election Results.** The following Elder and Deacon Candidates were elected by the congregation: Bennett Richardson, Elder; John Robinson, Elder; Jay Snow, Elder; Macon Baird, Deacon; Stephen Robinson, Deacon. The following Church Officers were elected: Laurene Howington, Treasurer; Dot Hutelmyer, Congregational Chair; Jim Knox, Trustee (Class of 2018); Ferald Mann, Trustee, (Class of 2016). Please pray for these men and women.

**Christmas Cantata.** On December 21 during the worship service, the choir will present the cantata, The First Noel - Celebrating the birth of a King.

**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.

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

**2015 Contribution Envelopes.** The 2015 Contribution envelopes are available in the new narthex.

**Year-End Giving.** All offerings to be included in your 2014 contribution statement must be given by **Sunday, December 28, 2014**. All offerings placed in the offering plate on January 4, 2015 *even if dated 2014* will be recorded on your 2015 statement. The law does allow for you to mail a contribution for credit in 2014 if it is *postmarked by midnight December 31, 2014*.

**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.

**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 - Dr. Bob Wilson  
December 21 - Cantata

## Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Kristen Carter and Macon Baird  
Next Week: Chelle Spencer and TBD  
Counter: Today: Jim Knox  
Next Week: Gene Parks  
Deacon on Duty: Today: Mark Vestal  
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for December 7:

General Fund	\$12,297.26
Floral	\$ 85.00

## 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

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# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 14, 2014*

## Preparation

Silent Meditation - John 3:3-7; 12-16

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus \*said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

<sup>12</sup> If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Prelude

Stille, Stille, Stille

Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 100 (Responsive Reading)

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before Him with joyful singing.

**Know that the Lord Himself is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
And His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

**For the Lord is good;  
His lovingkindness is everlasting  
And His faithfulness to all generations.**

\* Hymn of Preparation  
137

What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

## Adoration

\* Invocation

\* Hymn of Adoration  
145

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

**\* Congregation Standing**

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!  
Let Your ears be attentive  
To the voice of my supplications.

If You, Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You,  
That You may be feared.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,  
And in His word do I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord  
More than the watchmen for the morning;  
Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord;  
For with the Lord there is lovingkindness,  
And with Him is abundant redemption.

And He will redeem Israel  
From all his iniquities.

\* 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 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

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

Anthem    Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

*Handbell Choir*

New Testament Reading - Matthew 1:1-25

<sup>1</sup> The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. <sup>3</sup> Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. <sup>4</sup> Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. <sup>5</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. <sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah. <sup>7</sup> Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa.

<sup>8</sup> Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah. <sup>9</sup> Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. <sup>10</sup> Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. <sup>11</sup> Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. <sup>12</sup> After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.

<sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. <sup>14</sup> Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. <sup>15</sup> Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. <sup>16</sup> Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” <sup>24</sup> And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

*God Prepares Joseph*

*Dr. Bob Wilson*

## Dedication

\* Hymn of Response  
123

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

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 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

O Holy Night

*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.*

Closing Prayer

Postlude

## 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*