

Announcements

Announcements for the Bulletin. If you would like an announcement added to the bulletin, please contact one of the elders with your information.

Informational Meeting. September 21, during the Sunday School hour. The purpose is to provide explanations about the ARP Form of Government and the formation of a Pastoral Search Committee.

Nomination Forms. Nominations will be made with a paper form, which is available September 14 -21 at the new narthex and on a table outside the church office. Please make sure the person you nominate is willing to serve on the committee.

Choir Rehearsal. Choir rehearsals have resumed! Please join us at 5 pm Sunday afternoons!

Handbell Choir. Handbell choir practice will resume today at 4 pm. We welcome new members!

Handbell Choir Workshop. Ed Limon will hold a workshop on Saturday, September 27 at 10 am to teach the basics of handbell playing to anyone interested in trying a new musical activity. Please RSVP to Ed so that he will know who is going to participate.

Attention Ladies. *September 28* - Secret Sister Reveal! Lunch after the worship service. Secret Sisters will do their "reveal," and the next NEW IDEA will be introduced. Ladies, please come even if you did not have a secret sister. A new chapter is unfolding! This is a catered event, so please RSVP by September 21, 2014 to: Jessica Richardson at 336-437-4388 or email at richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

Young At Heart. Mark your calendar for September 23 at 11:45 AM. A menu of lasagna, salad and rolls will be provided. If you wish to bring a dish of vegetables, salads and/or desserts, please do! We look forward to hearing from the Piedmont Rescue Mission with Tony Honeycutt and several associates with music and testimonies.

Schedule for Young At Heart. We will meet as scheduled in October (fourth Tuesday), but Margaret and Glenn will be gone in December and January, so if someone else would like to coordinate the event for those months, please let Glenn or Margaret know; otherwise, October will be the last meeting in 2014 and we will not meet again until February.

Meals on Wheels. *Substitute volunteers needed.* Glenn and Margaret Owens deliver meals every four weeks on Monday and Tuesday. They need substitutes for when they are out of town or are otherwise unable to volunteer. Currently, they need volunteers from First ARP to fill in for them December 22 and 23, and January 20, 2015. You may call Margaret at 336-263-7666 to find out more details. You may also call the church office at 336-584-6929.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Spencer Clifford
September 21 - John Kimmons

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Macon Baird and Mary Jane Glass
Next Week: Chelle Spencer and Connie Bennett

Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Tithes and Offerings for September 7:

General Fund		\$3,998.00
Memorials	Opal Smith	\$ 85.00
	Geneva Evans	\$ 25.00

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, 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

Church Staff

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Hebrews 3:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Zechariah 8:21 (ESV)

Minister: The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying,

All: **'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.'**

* Hymn of Preparation
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Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

* **Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God,
I confess that I have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what I have done,
and by what I have left undone.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.
I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on me and forgive me;
that I may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — I John 1:5-9 (ESV)

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* 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

Exodus 18:1-26

¹Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. ²Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, ³along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, “I have been a sojourner/ in a foreign land”), ⁴and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”). ⁵Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. ⁶And when he sent word to Moses, “I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her,” ⁷Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. ⁸Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. ⁹And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰Jethro said, “Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under

the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people.” ¹²And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. ¹³The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. ¹⁴When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, “What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?” ¹⁵And Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God; ¹⁶when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws.” ¹⁷Moses' father-in-law said to him, “What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. ¹⁹Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, ²⁰and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. ²¹Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. ²²And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.” ²⁴So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.

Minister The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Sing of the Glory

Choir

New Testament Reading

Matthew 8:1-13

¹When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ²And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁵When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Spencer Clifford

Father-in-Law Changes a Nation - Reunion, Celebration and Advice

Dedication

* Hymn of Response

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Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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

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