

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.

Committees. The Session is in the process of reorganizing the Church Committee structure for 2015. If you would like to serve, or continue to serve, on any of our three committees, please contact one of the Elders whose name appears by each of the following committees.

Christian Education – Bill Haynes & John Robinson
Missions & Outreach – Jim Knox & Jay Snow
Worship – Gene Parks & Bennett Richardson

Committee function is a vital part of our church organization. We need your support and dedicated service to the Lord's work at 1st ARP.

Young at Heart. Our January meeting will be on the 27th (4th Tuesday). Jan Burwell has graciously agreed to provide chili and salad; those who wish, may bring desserts. For the program, Foy Evans' daughter, Justine Robare of Raleigh, will be speaking about one of her missionary trips to Africa. Come join us for some good eating, fellowship, and enlightenment.

2015 Contribution Envelopes. The 2015 Contribution envelopes are available at the piano side entrance to the sanctuary.

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, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982.** *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
January 18 - Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Kristen Carter and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Karen Jones and Connie Bennett

Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: TBD

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: TBD

Tithes and Offerings for January 4:

General Fund \$3,169.32

The Session

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes
2018: Bennett Richardson, John Robinson, Jay Snow

The Diaconate

Chairman:
Vice Chairman:
Secretary:

2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton
2017 : Macon Baird, Stephen Robinson

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Gene Parks (2015), Ferald Mann (2016),
Steve Kyaw (2017), Jim Knox (2018)
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 11, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - Luke 24:44-47

⁴⁴ Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 34:1-3 (Responsive Reading)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul will make its boast in the Lord;
The humble will hear it and rejoice.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

* Hymn of Preparation
34

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
97

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

*** Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - I John 1:5-8

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - I John 1:9-10

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

* 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 53:4-6, 12

⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore,
And our sorrows He carried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed.

⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.

¹²Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,
And He will divide the booty with the strong;
Because He poured out Himself to death,
And was numbered with the transgressors;
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,
And interceded for the transgressors.

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

Anthem Medley
The Birthday of a King/As With Gladness Men of Old

Choir

New Testament Reading - I Peter 4:1-19

¹ Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ³ For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. ⁴ In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*; ⁵ but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of* God. ⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? ¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Living For The Will of God Dr. Bob Wilson

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
404 The Solid Rock *Solid Rock*

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.***

Closing Prayer

Postlude