

## 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.

**Bereavement Committee.** The Bereavement Committee offers support for the family of those who have passed away such as a meal following the memorial service. This is a vital ministry of our church. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact one of the elders or deacons.

**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.

**Ladies Mystery Dinner.** "She's Flown the Coop" will be Friday February 20, 2015 at 6pm at the church. Mrs. Merryfeather's pet Polly the parrot has a knack for repeating things. Polly had better watch out: someone has a secret and is afraid Polly has overheard. Where is Polly? Has she flown the coop or is this crafty bird just flying under the radar? Ladies of all ages: Please join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and mystery-solving. Each participant will be given an identity, a few clues that only she will know, and questions to ask other participants. We will get to know each other better as we work together to solve the mystery. Please feel free to invite friends to join in the fun. RSVP to Jessica Richardson 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

**Ladies Event!** The Exchange will be Sunday, March 21, 2015 from 2 to 4pm. This is a clothing/accessory (clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, etc.) swap at the church. You do not have to bring anything to attend. There will be an early drop-off box in the Narthex for items. Set up will start at 1:30pm. Any items not taken on the day of the event will be donated. Please invite your friends.

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Cara  
February 1- Bob Wilson

## Ministry Information

### Nursery:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Doug Cobb  
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Macon Baird

### Counter:

Today: Jim Knox  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

### Deacon on Duty:

Today: Macon Baird  
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for January 18:  
General Fund \$2,186.19

## 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: Doug Glass  
V-Chairman/Secretary: David Newton

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

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

## Church Staff

Pastor:

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

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2015

## Preparation

Silent Meditation -

Man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God's face, and then descends from contemplating Him to scrutinize himself. For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy – this pride is innate in all of us – unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly, and impurity. Moreover, we are not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured.

John Calvin (†1564 A.D.)

A Pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual man is easy on others and hard on himself.

A. W. Tozer (†1963 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 29:1-2 (Responsive Reading)

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty,

**Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name;

**Worship the Lord in holy array.**

\* Hymn of Preparation  
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

## Adoration

\* Invocation

\* Hymn of Adoration  
58

This is My Father's World

Terra Beata

**\* Congregation Standing**

# Confession

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

***Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

### Assurance of Pardon — From the Book of Common Worship

*While it is true that we have sinned,  
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven  
through God's love in Jesus Christ.  
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God,  
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.*

### \* 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 42:5-9

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God the Lord,  
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,  
Who gives breath to the people on it  
And spirit to those who walk in it,

<sup>6</sup> “I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness,  
I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You,  
And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people,  
As a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> To open blind eyes,  
To bring out prisoners from the dungeon  
And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Lord, that is My name;  
I will not give My glory to another,  
Nor My praise to graven images.

<sup>9</sup> “Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
Now I declare new things;  
Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”

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

## Anthem

*David Newton*

## New Testament Reading - Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? <sup>35</sup> Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

From Him, Through Him, To Him

Dr. Bob Cara

# Dedication

### \* Hymn of Response

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Come, Thou Almighty King

*Italian Hymn*

## Affirmation of Faith — French Confession (1559) Chapter 2.

***God reveals himself to men; firstly, in his works, in their creation, as well as in their preservation and control. Secondly, and more clearly, in his Word, which was in the beginning revealed through oracles, and which was afterward committed to writing in the books which we call the Holy Scriptures.***

## 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