

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.

Handbell Choir Members. We will meet at 4:00 pm on Sundays for rehearsal. See you then! Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Deacon's Meeting. Deacons please plan to meet in the Conference Room on Sunday February 8 at 4 pm.

Ladies Event! 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 Wilson

February 8- Bob Wilson

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Nicole Newton and Macon Baird

Next Week: Fran Haynes and Connie Bennett

Counter:

Today: Stephen Robinson

Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass

Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for January 25:

General Fund \$1,871.36

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:

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - I Peter 5:1-14

¹ Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you. ¹¹ To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹² Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard *him*), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! ¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 115:1-3 (Responsive Reading)

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
But to Your name give glory

**Because of Your lovingkindness,
because of Your truth.**

Why should the nations say,
"Where, now, is their God?"

**But our God is in the heavens;
He does whatever He pleases.**

* Hymn of Preparation
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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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Blessed Be the Name

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* 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, [a]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 130:7-8

*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 66:1-2

Thus says the Lord,
“Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.
Where then is a house you could build for Me?
And where is a place that I may rest?

“For My hand made all these things,
Thus all these things came into being,” declares the Lord.
“But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

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

Anthem

Bless His Mighty Name

Choir

New Testament Reading - I Peter 5:1-14

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Concluding Remarks

Dr. Bob Wilson

Dedication

* Hymn of Response

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God Will Take Care of You

God Cares

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made;
Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
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

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