

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 today 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.

Young at Heart. We look forward to seeing all of you at the February 24th meeting. We're planning a Valentine's Day theme. More details will follow as plans are finalized.
-Glenn and Margaret

Ladies Bible Study. The women of First ARP will hold a 5-part Bible study beginning Sunday, March 8. We will meet immediately after the 11:00 service for 1 hour. Please bring your lunch and join us for a time of study and prayer.

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.

Thank You! "We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your thoughtfulness and kindness during Audrey's sickness and our loss. Your loving support truly is a blessing during these days. Thank you so very much. May God bless each of you."
-Our love, In Christ, Harold and Shirley Boswell

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Wilson
February 15 - Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Fran Haynes and Nicole Newton
Next Week: Doug Cobb and Donna Wolff

Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Jim Knox

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Macon Baird

Elder Greeter:

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Jim Knox

Tithes and Offerings for February 1:

General Fund \$4,562.00

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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - I Peter 1:1-11

¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 95:1-6 (Responsive Reading)

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God
And a great King above all gods,

**In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are His also.**

The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

* Hymn of Preparation
201

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Moody

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
202

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Psalm 32:3-5

***When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”;
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 32:10-11

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones;
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.*

* 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 - Malachi 3:7-12

⁷ “From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”⁸ “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. ¹¹ Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes,*” says the Lord of hosts. ¹² “All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the Lord of hosts.

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

Anthem One Voice

New Testament Reading - II Peter 1:1-11

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Make Sure He Has Called and Chosen You Dr. Bob Wilson

Dedication

* Hymn of Response Blessed Assurance *Assurance*
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Affirmation of Faith — The Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A18

Minister What are God’s works of providence?

All ***God’s works of providence are
his most holy, wise, and powerful
preserving and governing all his creatures;
ordering them, and all their actions,
to his own glory.***

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 *One Voice*

* 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