

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 6 pm at the church. Ladies of all ages: Please join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and mystery-solving. 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. If you can join us please bring:

- A beverage to serve 6 if your birthday falls between January - March
- A "pick up" appetizer to serve 6 if your birthday falls between April - June
- A "pick up" entree to serve 6 if your birthday falls between July-September
- A "pick up" dessert to serve 6 if your birthday falls between October-December

Missions and Outreach Committee. Thanks to those of you who have agreed to serve in 2015. Please plan to attend an organizational meeting after the 11:00 o'clock Worship service on Feb. 22nd. A light lunch will be provided.

Young at Heart. We look forward to seeing all of you at the February 24th meeting. We're planning a Valentine's Day theme. The meal will be chicken pot pie, salad, bread and dessert. Any contributions you may want to make to the meal is welcome! The program will be announced soon!

Ladies Bible Study. Bible study, prayer & fellowship time: Women, please come out beginning March 8 immediately after the 11:00 worship service. We will meet in the room closest to the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch. Janice Richardson will lead this study on surrender.

Ladies Event! The Exchange will be Sunday, March 22, 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! Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement for the mission trip. It was a blessing to me and is bearing fruit in Trinidad! -Connie Bennett

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Cara
February 22 - Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Doug Cobb and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Karen Jones and Stephen Robinson

Counter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Bill Haynes

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Macon Baird
Next Week: Doug Glass

Elder Greeter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for February 8:

General Fund \$2,626.75

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation -

Of whom shall I be afraid? One with God is a majority.
Martin Luther (†1546 A.D.)

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer – His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.

John Newton (†1807 A.D.)

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 125:1-2 (Responsive Reading)

Those who trust in the Lord
Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.**

* Hymn of Preparation
76

O For a Thousand Tongues

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Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
350

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Trust In Jesus

* **Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Psalm 32:3-5

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a fervent and pure heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are saddened by the prejudices and preferences we carry in our hearts, rebuilding the dividing wall of hostility that you have torn down. We have not done justly in all things; we have not shown mercy to all people; we have exalted ourselves over others. Forgive us, O God, and lead us by your hand as we extend our hands to others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 5:1-2

*Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access into this grace
in which we stand;
and we boast in hope of the glory of God..*

* 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

New Testament Reading - I Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

Anthem

Love Is

Choir

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 121 (Sermon Text)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “Traveler’s Psalm” Dr. Bob Cara

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
414 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *Vox Dilecti*

The Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession (1561) Article 13

“The doctrine of Divine Providence affords us unspeakable consolation, since we are taught thereby that nothing can befall us by chance, but by the direction of our most gracious and heavenly Father, who watches over us with a paternal care, keeping all creatures so under his power that not a hair of our head (for they are all numbered), nor a sparrow, can fall to the ground, without the will of our Father, in whom we do entirely trust; being persuaded that he so restrains the devil and all our enemies that, without his will and permission, they cannot hurt us.”

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