

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.

Easter Cantata. Our Easter Cantata is “Worthy Is The Lamb” by Sue C. Smith and Mason Brown. You are invited to join the choir and “Sing unto the Lord.” Cantata rehearsal will be on Sundays from 5:30-6:00 pm.

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 today. 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! Tim and Lynn Robinson will bring a devotional on Love.

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.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Cara
March 1- Bob Wilson

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Karen Jones and Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Donna Wolff

Counter:

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Bennett Richardson

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Elder Greeter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week:

Tithes and Offerings for February 15:

General Fund \$3,284.32

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: 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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Here we see the infinite love of God, that He has been pleased to think of us poor creatures from everlasting and make it His work to reconcile us to Himself. And here is the foundation of the sweetness and comfort of all the mercies of God to those who are reconciled to Him: they are the fruits of the eternal love of God for us.

Jeremiah Burroughs (†1646 A.D.)

Real reconciliation means complete and authentic acceptance of one another, despite sins, offenses, and transgressions: an authentic bond between persons in a spirit of love and humility. There will always be sins and offenses. But if we can live in mature forgiveness and communion with others, in humility accepting one another as God accepts us, then our communities and churches will be transparent—revealing the Kingdom of Heaven, filled with divine grace.

Hieromonk Jonah

It is important to recognize your limits. ... Do all you can to be reconciled to others, but remember that you cannot force others to do what is right. If you have done everything within your power to resolve a conflict, you have fulfilled your responsibility to God and may stop actively trying to solve the problem... It is not necessary or wise to waste time, energy, and resources fretting about someone who stubbornly refuses to be reconciled.

Ken Sande

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 34:1, 8 (Responsive Reading)

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

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

* Hymn of Preparation
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All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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Standing on the Promises

Promises

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still prefer our darkness. Your Word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. You have reconciled us to yourself but we put up walls between ourselves and others. Pour out your grace to us in Christ, that we may be know your forgiveness once again. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:1, 3-4

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

* 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 - Psalm 2:1-6

- ¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

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

Anthem

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Choir

New Testament Reading - Revelation 5:5-6 (Sermon Text)

⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Power and Compassion of Christ

Dr. Bob Cara

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Vox Dilecti

Affirmation of Faith - The Confession of Faith:
Westminster Shorter Catechism 26.

How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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