

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.

Easter Lilies. If you would like to make a contribution for an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form. Return the form along with your payment of \$13 per plant in the envelope provided, by Sunday, March 29. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

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.

Mission and Outreach. Please plan to stay for the potluck luncheon today after the Worship Service to hear a presentation on the mission to Trinidad, given by Connie Bennett, Jessica Richardson, and Donna Wolff. Everyone is invited to stay and show support for these who have gone out from our congregation.

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.

Meals on Wheels. Volunteers are needed for Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12. Please contact Glenn or Margaret Owens if you are able to help on one or both days. Please also consider letting them know if you are willing to be put on a list for when volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bob Cara
March 22- Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Doug Cobb and Fran Haynes
Next Week: Karen Jones and Donna Wolff

Counter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Bill Haynes

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Elder Greeter:

Today: Jay Snow
Next Week: Bill Haynes

Tithes and Offerings for March 8:

General Fund \$7,575.11
Memorial (Kenneth Putnam, Sr) \$75.00

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation -

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
T. S. Eliot (†1965 A.D.)

The providence of God watches for our salvation,
even when it most seems to sleep.
John Calvin (†1564 A.D.)

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship— Psalm 117:1-2 (Responsive Reading)

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!**

* Hymn of Preparation
18

Come, We that Love the Lord

St. Thomas

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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There is a Redeemer

Green

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Psalm 51:1-4

Eternal God, we are confronted by your holiness that reveals our sinfulness and shame. Too often we want to justify our behavior instead of looking honestly at our hearts. Many times we do not even recognize the the height of your holiness and the depth of our sinfulness. Teach us again that to lose our life is to gain it; to die to self is to be alive in your Kingdom; to follow the example of Christ is to experience abundant and eternal life. We pray through him who has loved us with all-surpassing love, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 6:4-6, 8, 11

*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.*

*For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

*We know that our old self was crucified with him,
in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing,
so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*

*Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.*

*So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

* 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 Corinthians 1:20-25

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

Anthem *Handbell Choir*
Were You There?

Old Testament Reading - Proverbs 9:1-18 (Sermon Text)

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
- ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
- ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
- ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.
- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
- ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
¹⁵ calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
- ¹⁶ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,
- ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
- ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Lady Wisdom and Lady Folly Dr. Bob Cara

Dedication

* Hymn of Response May the Mind of Christ, My Savior *St. Leonards*
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Affirmation of Faith - Responsive reading

Hymnal # 679 - WISDOM

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 *Handbell Choir*
Jesus Shall Reign

* 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