

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. Please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so that we can have a record of your visit & an opportunity to contact you if desired.

A Word About Our Worship Service: READING OF GOD'S WORD—
Our worship service is God-centered and full of Scripture. Paul commands Timothy "to give attention to the public reading of Scripture". God's people are to hear, believe and obey the Word of God. When God's Word is read, God himself is speaking to us.

Lord's Day Evening Worship Service will be at 6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we sing, pray and hear from God's Word in Psalm 91.

Choir Rehearsal is scheduled for 5 P.M. on Sundays.

The Session will meet on Monday, January 7 at 10 A.M. in the Conference Room.

Giving Statements for 2018 are available. Regular attenders may pick them up at the church building and all others will be mailed.

Giving Envelopes for 2019 are available and may be picked up at the church building.

2018 Congregational Meeting Results: the 2019 Budget was approved & the following were elected: James Constable, Elder 2022; Bill Haynes, Elder 2022; Jay Snow, Treasurer 2019; James Constable, Congregational Chair, 2019; & Jondeen Terry, Trustee 2022. Please greet these servants of the Lord & give them all prayer & support as they serve the Lord!

No **Handbell Rehearsals** from December 5 through January 23. Rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, January 30.

Grace Presbytery will hold an inaugural meeting February 1-2 in Apex at Ambassador Presbyterian Church.

Men's Lunch & Evening Gathering will resume Monday, February 4, 2019, at 12 noon at Southbound Sandwich Shop & at 7 P.M. at Panera Bread.

Ladies' Evening Book Study will next be Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7 P.M. at the pastor's home.

Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 11 A.M. in the Conference Room.

Cat Kids resumes Wednesday, February 6 & 13, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Table Talk gathers again on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 7 P.M. for dinner & discussion at the pastor's home.

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT: December 30, 2018, General Fund: \$4,993.57; Legacy Fund, \$3,500; 2018 Year-to-Date: General Fund Income: \$221,181.88 & Expenses, \$250,035.31 & Difference, -\$28,853.43; 2018 Year-to-Date: Legacy Fund Balance \$178,500; 2018 Projects \$27,456.98

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First Associate Reformed
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Can you make wedding guests fast
while the bridegroom is with them?”

Luke 5:34, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP, 11 O'CLOCK

January 6, 2019

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The music is a signal for the congregation to observe silence. Please silence all phones and electronic devices. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.

GREETINGS OF THE SAINTS The Congregation & Visitors

PRELUDE Julie Snow, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY FOR SILENT PRAYER

SALUTATION Revelation 1:4-5, *ESV* (page 1028)

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 147, *ESV* (page 525)

HYMN OF ADORATION* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
NO. 465 BEECHER

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
NO. 851 (BACK OF HYMNAL)

SONG OF PRAISE* *Now Blessed Be Jehovah God*
NO. 564 CORONATION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Holy Father, often do we approach you with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are not in worship. We offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have not been diligent in our use of the means of grace. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father have mercy on us! Forgive us our debts! Cleanse us and give to us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. In his name do we come to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS & PERSONAL CONFESSION

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 57:15, *ESV*
"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

HYMN OF REDEMPTION*
NO. 520

What A Friend We Have in Jesus
CONVERSE

THE LIVING CHURCH

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS
James Matthew Constable
William Whitney Haynes, Jr.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT*
NO. 535

Go, Labor On
PENTECOST

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 18, *ESV* (page 59)

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

THE LORD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Magnificat
Choir

J. Lippencott, R.C. Sproul

HYMN OF PRAISE*
NO. 567

Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 5:33-39, *ESV* (page 861)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD

Rev. Bryan Crotts
Taste and See That the New Covenant Is Good!

PRAYER TO SEAL GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF COMMITMENT*
NO. 502

All for Jesus!
WYCLIFF

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Christmas Postlude
Ed Limon, organ

W. Stickels

*Those who are able, please stand.