

Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 AM Worship Service

January 31, 2016

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life. We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Please leave your name and address in the attendance register so we may thank you for your visit.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are happy you are here today. Welcome packets are available in the narthex. If you have questions about any of our programs or what we offer, would like a tour of the facility, or any special accommodations to help you or your family member worship with us, please contact Debi in the church office at 733-0462. Hearing devices are available at the sound booth and a large print version of our worship songs each week are available upon request.

Loving Nursery, located on the first floor, is available during the service and Sunday School hour for children ages newborn through three years. A cry room, just off the sanctuary, is available to see and hear the service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you if you would like to make use of either ministry.

Sunday Schedule: Worship Service at 9:30 AM. Sermons are available on our website: www.ephratarpc.com. CDs of the service are available upon request. The elders of RPC are available after each worship service to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

Children's Worship for ages 4 years old to 1st grade; dismissal during the worship service. Meeting and Pot luck lunch today—Sunday School will resume next Sunday.

◇ The prelude is presented as worship music. You are encouraged, during this time, to quietly prepare yourself for worship. Please consider your fellow worshippers as they also prepare.

Please turn off all cell phones during the service.

Congregational Meeting & Potluck lunch: Today



Revised 2016 RPC General Fund Operating Budgets are available in the narthex if you'd like to review it before the meeting. Copies are also available on the 3rd floor.

The **RPC 2016 Directory Draft** is in the narthex—Please check your contact information! Use the sign-up slips to be added to the Directory. Parents of college students—check the College Student address sheet - so your student can get their Care Package!

RPC Missionary Prayer Card updates are available today in the narthex. Complete sets of prayer cards are also available.



Calendar:

Visit our website www.ephratarpc.com for a detailed listing and complete schedule



Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck lunch
	6:00 pm	Youth Connect
Tues.	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wed.	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study, babysitting provided
	6:30 pm	Awana & C68
Thurs.	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat.	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Next Sun.	9:30 am	Worship Service, Dwight McKay will preach.
	11:00 am	Sunday school classes (Adult classes 11:15 am)
	6:00 pm	Youth Superbowl Bash at Heskos

Family Matters for Prayer and Praise

Fred Thomas: recovering from knee replacement surgery;

Pastor Tom: recovering from shoulder surgery on January 8;

Ida Long wishes to thank everyone for the prayers for her knee surgery and recovery. Her surgery went as expected and recovery is going well;

Sharon Fasnacht, is scheduled to come home on Monday. Drivers will be needed occasionally. Sign-up in the narthex for availability. Also, a meal sign up is online at: www.Takethemameal.com, name Fasnacht, password: 17501.

Candidates for Office of Elder

At the Annual Congregational Meeting/Pot Luck on January 31, you will have the opportunity to RE-ELECT the following candidates for the church office of Elder.

***Jim Harris:** Jim and his family have attended RPC for 26 years and he's been an Elder at RPC for 23 years. Jim headed the Missions committee and the Adult Christian Ed Committee for years, is currently an adult SS teacher and small group leader. Jim and Evalyn have been married 38 years and are the parents of Laurel, Michael, & Jennifer, now all married and raising families of their own. This year Jim and Ev will be grand parents of six. Jim's hobbies include theology, piano, woodworking, and having fun with Ev.

***Donn Youndt:** Donn Youndt has been a part of RPC for 28 years. During those years he has served as an elder, small group leader, and Sunday School teacher. Donn and Karen met at RPC and have been married for 25 years. They have raised three children (Sarah, Nathaniel, Julianna) and are adjusting to their empty nest in Ephrata. Donn is a native of Lancaster County and works for Crystal Springs in route sales. He enjoys reading and conversation, family gatherings, and spending time outdoors.

** Indicates the candidate has already served in this office*

PRELUDE ◇ A time of quiet preparation

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord/You Are My Hiding Place/ arr. M. Hayes

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times:
his praise will always be on my lips.

People: **My soul will boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me.

People: **Let us exalt his name together.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Trinity Hymnal p. 839)

Psalm 146

Brian Ingraham

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evil-doers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSION MOMENT

Stephen & Charity Jones video
Morris Lapi

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Teach Me, O Lord/ T. Attwood

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

II Kings 5:1-14 (NIV)

¹ Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

² Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana

and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. ¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

SERMON

Upstairs, Downstairs

series: Low Visibility, High Impact

Rev. Dwight McKay

*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 600

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Glorify Thy Name/ arr. F.Bock

SERMON NOTES:

Reformed Presbyterian Church cordially invites couples to our 4th annual



Chocolate, Love & Faith Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 20

Hors Devours at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Come and enjoy a night out to fellowship with friends.

Live music, games and great desserts.

Cost: \$20 per couple (*ONLY 20 spots available*)

Childcare provided. (Children's meal: pizza, apple sauce and carrots.)

Men's Wild Game Dinner

February 27

Tickets available in
the narthex:

\$12 donation-
meal provided.

Contact Ben
Burchfield with
questions.



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