

Announcements:

Join us after worship for our annual Homecoming fellowship meal. There's always plenty of food, and everyone is invited.

Men open to serving as church officers should plan to attend a 1-day officer training course on Saturday, September 11th. We'll begin with breakfast at 7:30 and the class will get going at 8:15. Those who attend are under no obligation to serve. Come learn more about the offices of elder and deacon. We'll finish at noon.

Copies of the September church calendar are available on the back table.

We welcome all visitors to Sandy Plains Church
and ask you to register your attendance by filling out the visitor card that is found in the pew pocket in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

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A Church of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod

*Offer the sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips,
giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15)*

Worship of the Triune God

The Lord's Day—August 29, 2010

Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" William Croft

Isaac Watts turned to Psalm 90 to gain inspiration and from those words wrote what may be the greatest of his more than 600 hymns. The Psalm's theme (the greatness of our eternal God) was a favorite for Watts. When events in our lives threaten to cause us worry—the God of the ages remains our eternal home. This hymn is #30 in our hymnbook.

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Preparation

*The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him. (Hab 2:20)*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 73:1-2, 23-26

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

***Hymn of Praise**

#364 Let the Children Hear

***Invocation & The Lord's Prayer**

Meditation on the Law*1 John 2:15-17*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Confession of Sin*A time of silent confession***Assurance of Pardon****Scripture Memory Focus***Psalms 51:1-2*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Donald Hardin

**Please lift up in prayer:**

Tom, Joyce, James C., Catherine, Grace, Dianne, Daniel B., Paula H., Daphne, Joe & Marcia, Ruth, Eloise, Joanne, Will (Pam's son), Emmanuel & Jessica, Clarke, Lane, all our students and teachers, our widows and widowers, and our missionaries.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 41:37-57

Offertory Service***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**Confession of Faith***The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Preparatory Hymn**#621 *Sometimes a Light SurprisesPrayer for Illumination****Reading and Exposition of the Word**

Luke 11:42-44

Woes to the Hypocrites

Hymn of Response**#486 *God Be Merciful to Me*Benediction*****Gloria Patri**

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*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.*

Postlude**This Week's Events**

9:45 am—"Hebrews" Sunday School class (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am—Adult Quarterly SS class (Behind Sanctuary)

10:00am—Children's Sunday School (Sanctuary)

11:00 am—Worship

Wednesday at 7pm: Prayer meeting and study of The Institutes