

Lebanon Reformed Church

Serving As The Heart of Christ in the Community

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2014

**Please stand if able.*

Thomas E Jones, Pastor

Welcome

Time of Meditation

*Jesus went throughout all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,
preaching the gospel of the kingdom,
and healing all kinds of disease and sickness among the people.*

Matt.4:23

***Praise:** "He has Made Me Glad" (see insert)

We Approach God

***Votum and Salutation:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

People: And our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

People: We come to worship the one true God.

Leader: How will you worship?

People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

People: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

Leader: Come, Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise:** #49 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Gracious and loving God,

we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world.

We have not spoken truth with our hearts.

We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.

**We have forgotten our true identity,
wandering into ways that are not yours.**

**We have lost the path of true worship,
focusing on form and words rather than deeds.**

We have forgotten what true discipleship is.

And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.

**Forgive us and help us live into becoming
the people you have created and called us to be:
people of justice and love and truth
and humility, and yes, even foolishness.
May we be fools for Christ,
embracing our true identity,
even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.**

Words of Assurance:

Leader: In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ.
God surely answers our prayers.
Know that we are all forgiven, and be at peace.

All: AMEN

God's Law:

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

ALL: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 'This is the greatest and first commandment.

**And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

*Gloria Patri #620

The Word of God

Children's Time

Prayer For Illumination

Anthem

Old Testament: Psalm 15..... Pg 430

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12.....Pg 785

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Blessedness

***Hymn of Reflection: #423 "Fill All My Vision"**

We Respond To God

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to greet one another with the Peace of Christ

Choral Response Bless the Lord, My Soul" (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Offering

*Doxology #623

Prayers of the People

The 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. And 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.

*Hymn of Dedication #295 “Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction

*Postlude



Depart to serve the Lord in joy and peace.

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship

If you are visiting for the first time,
please sign our guest register in the sanctuary foyer.

Consistory Greeter: Michelle Quinn, *Deacon*
Fellowship: Dale & Mark Webb
Music Director: Dot Hoeflinger

THIS WEEK: 2/3 – 2/9/14		
MONDAY 2/3	7pm	Bell Choir
THURSDAY 2/6	7pm	Chancel Choir
SUNDAY 2/9	9:45am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 12th and 26th Share Time- Skunk House 7pm

Feb 16th Outreach Committee meeting 12:30pm Fellowship Hall

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YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

The LRC Outreach Committee is currently organizing to plan outreach ministries for 2014. How is God leading us to continue the work of Christ?

Everyone at LRC is encouraged to join this committee and attend a planning meeting with Ginger Twardy and Pastor Tom on

SUNDAY, FEB 16 at 12:30pm

This is a valuable opportunity for you to become involved by sharing your time and talents to help our LRC congregation reflect the love of Christ and our vision as the Heart of Christ to the community.

Valerie Porfano and Denise Harris have been nominated to be Elders. If anyone has a valid reason why either should not serve in this office, please let an elder know as soon as possible.

There are still a few 2014 LRC contribution envelopes that have not been picked up from the rear of the church. Please pickup yours TODAY ☺

LOST & FOUND – In the kitchen near the coffee pots

- *Sunglasses
- *Eyeglasses
- *Glass bowl
- *3 aluminum bowls
- *Rope with clothespins
- *Black Izod shirt

If any of these items are yours PLEASE take them ☺

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2/8 1-4pm Chocolate Festival Congregational Church of Bound Brook
209 Church St (corner of Church St & E. High St) FREE admission

April 4-5, 2014 Women at the Crossroads- 30th annual women's retreat held at Harvey Cedars Conference Center, LBI. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.