

# First Reformed Church of Cary

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2017

Rev. George Van Arnam, Guest Minister

Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**Prelude**

*“Open My Eyes”*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**Congregational Concerns**

**Votum**

**Introit**

*“Worship Him”*

Chancel Choir

## The Approach to God

**Call to Worship**

Sing praise to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life.**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing.

**Our souls cannot be silent. O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**

**\*Hymn of Praise #15**

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn #397**

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

**\*Ministry of Music**

*“A Closer Walk”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

## The Word of God

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Luke 11:1-13**

Q&A 120

**Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?**

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer—a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

**Sermon**

***“When You Pray...”***

**Our Response to God**

**\*Confession of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

*We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of actively caring for those in need around us.*

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn #390**

*“Open My Eyes”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

*“Seven-Fold Amen”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

\*Those that are able please stand

We welcome Rev. George Van Arnam this morning as our guest minister.  
He has shared the following information:

Founded and Directed the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Mohawk Valley, NY  
Campus Minister at SUNY Binghamton, Syracuse University  
Associate Pastor, Saratoga Springs, NY  
Ordained United Methodist Minister  
Fellow - American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
Clinical Member - American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists  
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, NY  
Married to Peggy Van Arnam - together have 3 sons, residing in Philadelphia, Cary, and Asheville, and 7 grandchildren

Enjoy: photography, photo editing, travel in USA and abroad, reading, swimming, table tennis