

## Announcements

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

**G.I.R.L. Time.** Today we will carpool after church to Jessie Richardson's house and have sandwiches together, enjoy a time to get to know one another better, and to hear Jessie's story. We will return to the church by 2:00. The food is provided.

**Missions Moment.** Pakistan is not a country most of us would choose for a pleasant holiday in the 21st century, but it is a place where ARP Missions have a long history providing hospital care and educational opportunities for needy citizens there. ANDY & NANNETTE HOWARD arrived in 2009 after previously serving ARP outreaches in Russia and Wales. Please pray for the safety of the Howards whom we support, the other ARP missionaries serving there and the Pakistani people who are being reached by these ministries.

**InterVarsity.** THANK YOU for help with the InterVarsity training time last Sunday. The next time will be March 16th at 1:30 at Elon. Please let Christy know if you can provide drinks and/or dessert, and plan to come. We will be talking about having spiritual conversations.

**Missions Pot Luck.** March 9th there will be a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service for Connie's mission trip report. Please save the date and come to hear and see what God is doing in Trinidad!!

**Young at Heart.** We had 41 at YAH on Tuesday. What a wonderful turnout. It was the largest we have had. Good food, thanks to all of the cooks. Good fellowship and a very interesting and informative program by the Boys and Girls Club of Alamance County. On March 25 we will have Ann Baker from Meals On Wheels, rescheduled from January. The menu will be chicken, baked beans, green beans and salad. If you are willing to bring a dessert or plan to bring something else please let Margaret or Glenn know. Thanks to everyone that helps to make our YAH successful.

**Time Change Sunday.** Next Sunday, March 9, we "spring forward" for Daylight Saving Time.

**Directory Corrections.** It has come to our attention that there are some errors in the directory. We apologize but are working to correct them with an addendum that will be available in the next couple weeks. If you know of errors, please let Gloria Hendry know so that we can address them. Thank you.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Karen Jones and Doug Cobb  
Next Week: Myrleann Schwerin and Amy Sanderson

### Children's Church:

Today: Christy Gregory and Tammy Cobb  
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Jan Burwell

### Counter:

Today: Bill Haynes  
Next Week: Glenn Owens

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Tim Bessette

### Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled  
Next Week: Bill Haynes

### Tithes and Offerings for February 23:

General Fund	\$ 2,785.35
Faith Promise	\$ 300.00

## The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory  
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks  
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks  
2017: Bill Haynes

## The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens  
Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal  
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal  
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough  
2016: David Newton, Tim Bessette

## Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks  
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer  
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington  
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

## Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Christy Gregory  
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller  
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

## Church Staff

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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

March 2, 2014

## Preparation

Silent Meditation

The most important thing in life is not to hold onto Jesus;  
it is to know that Jesus holds onto you.  
Helmut Thielicke (†1986 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Isaiah 64

*Minister* Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!  
For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down and the mountains trembled before you.

*People* **Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.**

Hymn of Preparation  
429

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*Children Praying*

## Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Forgive us according to your grace to us in Christ and change us to reflect your glory more purely. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

### Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 147

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.*

### Gloria Patri

*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.*

## Proclamation

### New Testament Reading

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### Minister The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

Take of the Wonder

*Choir*

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 32:22-32*

<sup>22</sup> The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

God's Grace to Broken People: Wrestling with God

## Celebration

### Hymn of Response

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*Indelible Grace*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

### Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Words of Institution*

*Prayer of Consecration*

*Distribution of the Elements*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

## Dedication

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Oceans

*Brooke Winters, Courtney Vereide, Maggie Miller*

### Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude