

Announcements

Easter lilies. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form and place in the envelope provided along with your payment by April 13. You may put it in the offering plate.

Tuesday A.M. Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 8 at 10:30 in the Conference Room. Topic from Proverbs is "Work." Join us for this profitable time!

Maundy Thursday. We will have a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 17 at 5:30.

Mission Moment. Ali Mitchell is our ARP missionary whose responsibility since 2001 is equipping members of our churches to work with Muslims in the USA & Canada. Based in South Carolina, he also travels extensively to accomplish this challenge. Our own Baird family--Katherine, Hannah and Carolyn--served as part of a team ministering in the Detroit area several years ago. Grandpa Bobby supported them from home with his constant prayers! Recently Ali had the opportunity to spend ten days in Turkey. While there he had fruitful contacts with Muslims as well as being able to encourage three of our ARP missionary families based there. Look for updates of this ministry on the Mission info board in the hallway.

Pastor's Vacation. The pastor will be on vacation April 21-27. If you have a need during this time, please contact any of the elders or deacons. On Sunday, April 27, Dr. Bob Cara, professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, will be preaching.

Young At Heart. We had 25 in attendance at our last meeting despite the unpredictable weather. A special *thank you* to those who came, to all of the kitchen and cleanup helpers, to those who brought food, and all who contributed to the Boys and Girls Club Easter baskets. You gave 25 dozen plastic eggs and 31 bags of candy. We couldn't do this without your help. We will meet again April 22nd; program and food to be announced later.

Thank you! Dear Church Family, thank you so much for your love and concern, your many cards and calls, and for your graciousness in providing meals for Jim and me following my recent knee surgery. Your kindness and caring mean so much to us! Gratefully, Lola K.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Macon Baird
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Mary Jane Glass

Children's Church:

Today: Christy Gregory and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Betty Bessette

Counter:

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Jim Knox

Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Tim Bessette

Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for March 30:

General Fund	\$3,013.19	
Faith Promise	\$ 50.00	
Memorial for Eunice Baulding:	\$ 100.00	Total to date: \$800.00

(Given by: Larry and Kathy Isley)

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

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Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving. It is a self-existent principle inherent in the divine nature and appears to us as a self-caused propensity to pity the wretched, spare the guilty, welcome the outcast, and bring into favor those who were before under just disapprobation. Its use to us sinful men is to save us and make us sit together in heavenly places to demonstrate to the ages the exceeding riches of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
A. W. Tozer (†1963 A.D.)

A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at one time to sustain life for a week. We must draw upon God's boundless store of grace from day to day, as we need it.

D. L. Moody (†1899 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Isaiah 43:19-21

Minister Let us worship God, who has done great things,
who has made a way through the desert of this world,
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.
Let us, therefore, worship God in spirit and in truth.

People **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
Alleluia! We rejoice!**

Hymn of Preparation
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Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
501

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Think of Me

Choir
Wallace Palethorpe, Violinist

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 48:1-22

¹ After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³ And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴ and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.'⁵ And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. ⁶ And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ⁷ As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)." ⁸ When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" ⁹ Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." ¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹ And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." ¹² Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³ And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. ¹⁴ And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." ¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸ And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." ¹⁹ But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." ²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. ²² Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory
God's Grace to Broken People: The Meaning of Grace

Celebration

Hymn of Response
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Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

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

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