

Announcements

Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form, which can be found outside each entrance of the sanctuary and place in the envelope provided along with your payment by today. Orders will be placed tomorrow. You may take your plant home next Sunday after the morning service.

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

G.I.R.L. Time. On April 17 following the Maundy Thursday service we will be going to dinner at Panera. Please plan to join us for great food, friends, and a discussion of the sermon.

Easter Schedule. In an effort to make the schedule more convenient, we are trying a new schedule as follows: 9:45 Flowering of the Cross, 10:00 Fellowship Brunch, 11:00 Easter Cantata Service. Please make every effort to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

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 will meet again April 22. The menu is ham, potato salad, deviled eggs, apple pie and ice cream. If you have a dish you would like to contribute to a ham dinner, please let Margaret or Glenn know. Tim and Lynn Robinson and Anne Garner will have the program

Bridal Shower. There will be an "Old Fashioned pounding" bridal shower for John Snow and Kristin Allison on May 4 from 2:30-4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The couple is also registered at Target. Please join us to celebrate the couple!

Missions Sunday. Sunday, May 18th, Ali Mitchell one of our missionaries will be speaking about his work with Muslim students in South Carolina. Ali will be sharing during Sunday School and will bring the message at the morning worship service. There will be a potluck lunch following the service as well, where he will share more about his ministry.

Limon Mission Trip. Ed, Lynn, and Kelly desire your prayer support. If you are able to give financially, you may get a form from the missions bulletin board, which has the information needed to send support on their behalf.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton and Mary Jane Glass
Maundy Thursday: Myrleann Schwerin and Christy Gregory
Next Week: Chelle Spencer and Stephen Robinson

Children's Church: Today: Kristin Carter and Betty Bessette
Next Week: Easter Sunday - No Children's Worship

Counter: Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: None Scheduled

Deacon on Duty: Today: Tim Bessette
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Elder Greeter: Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for April 6:
General Fund \$5,770.40
World Witness/Birthday: \$ 9.00

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

When Christ came to the descent of the Mount of Olives close to Jerusalem, the disciples went before him praising him. They were called to bear witness to the wonderful works that he performed and of his godlike glory and sovereignty. They praised Christ the Savior of all, calling him King and Lord, and the peace of heaven and earth. Let us also praise him, taking the psalmist's harp and saying, 'How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them.'

St. Cyril of Alexandria (†444 A.D.)

Prelude Were You There? *Handbell Choir*

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 118; Zechariah 9

Minister Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Minister Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he!

People **He comes humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Let us rejoice!**

Hymn of Preparation 267 Come, Thou Almighty King *Italian Hymn*

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration 173 All Glory, Laud, and Honor *St. Theodulph*

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our King of Glory, we confess that our praise has often been faint. As citizens of your kingdom, we have sometimes been treasonous, for we have succumbed to secret and public sins. Yet, for our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your sacrifice, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 118

*Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

*In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven!*

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

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Minister The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Palm Sunday Glory

Handbell Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 49:1-33

¹ Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. ² Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.

³ Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. ⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it--he went up to my couch!

⁵ Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. ⁶ Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen.

⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

⁸ Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. ⁹ Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. ¹² His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

¹³ Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.

¹⁴ Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵ He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor.

¹⁶ Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward.

¹⁸ I wait for your salvation, O LORD.

¹⁹ Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels.

²⁰ Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies.

²¹ Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns.

²² Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. ²³ The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, ²⁴ yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), ²⁵ by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. ²⁶ The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

²⁷ Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil."

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. ²⁹ Then he commanded them and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰ in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. ³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah-- ³² the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites." ³³ When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

God’s Grace to Broken People: Grace in the End

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Rock of Ages

Toplady

Affirmation of Faith — Based on Matthew 21; John 3; Ephesians 5

Minister Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People ***For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him.***

Minister Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People ***Hosanna! Amen!***

Prayer of Intercession and 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,
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.***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Fanfare

Handbell Choir

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