

## Announcements

**Bridal Shower.** There will be an “Old Fashioned pounding” bridal shower for John Snow and Kristin Allison today, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Potluck Lunch.** Please join us on May 18 in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch after the morning worship service.

**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.

**Ladies. Save the Date:** July 27-28 there will be a women's gathering and concert at Bonclarken to kick off the Family Bible Conference. We would like to take a group of women. You may visit the website at <http://www.arpwm.org> to register and for more information. Please contact Jessie Richardson if you are interested in attending. Her new email is [richardson.jessica83@gmail.com](mailto:richardson.jessica83@gmail.com).

**Easter Denominational Offering.** If you would like to give to the Easter offering, there are brochures and envelopes at the entrances to the sanctuary. We will keep this open until May 20.

**A Glorious “Thank You”** to all the participants of the Easter Cantata, “Man of Sorrows, King of Glory.” It is a continual honor and privilege to praise the Lord with you in song. May God continually bless you!

**Handbell Choir.** If you are interested in subbing for the handbell choir for next year, please see Ed Limon. He is looking for people who can read and count music. Thank you.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Nicole Newton and Doug Cobb  
Next Week: Chelle Spencer and Fran Haynes

### Children’s Church:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Tammy Cobb  
Next Week: Dot Hutelmyer and Betty Bessette

### Counter:

Today: Mark Vestal  
Next Week: Tim Bessette

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Tim Bessette

### Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled  
Next Week: None Scheduled

### Tithes and Offerings for April 27:

General Fund \$3,008.06  
Easter Offering To Date: \$ 727.00

## 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 Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2014

## Preparation

### Silent Meditation

The spiritual beauty of the Father and the Savior seemed to engross my whole mind; and it was the instinctive feeling of my heart, “Thou art; and there is none beside Thee.” I never felt such an entire emptiness of self-love or any regard to any private, selfish interest of my own. It seemed to me that I had entirely done with myself. I felt that the opinions of the world concerning me were nothing, and that I had no more to do with any outward interest of my own than with that of a person whom I never saw. The glory of God seemed to be all, and in all, and to swallow up every wish and desire of my heart.

Sarah Edwards (†1758 A.D.)

### Prelude

*Ed Limon*

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

### Compassion Sunday Presentation

### Call to Worship—Psalm 24

*Minister* The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.

*People* **For he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

*Minister* Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

*People* **The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord Almighty - he is the King of glory!**

Hymn of Preparation  
85

Glorious Is Thy Name

*Glorious Name*

## Adoration

### Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
26

A Mighty Fortress

*Ein’ Feste Burg*

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***Our God of grace and glory, forgive us for not being moved by your grace and being concerned for your glory. Forgive us for the times we have become too comfortable to care about your cause in the world. Forgive us for the times we have been too apathetic in our devotion to you. Forgive us for the times we have been indifferent to the ways that you are dishonored in our world, in our church, and in our lives. Melt our hearts and restore us; move us by your grace and reform us into the image of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

*Here are words you may trust,*

*words that merit full acceptance:*

*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

*To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life,*

*he says, “Your sins are forgiven.”*

*He also says, “Follow me.”*

*Now to the one who rules all worlds,*

*immortal, invisible, the only God,*

*be honor and glory forever and ever.*

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 1:1-17*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you-- <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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

Anthem

You are the Gift

*Choir*

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 1:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the capital, <sup>2</sup> that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." <sup>4</sup> As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Where Reformation Begins: Tears

Rev. Bryan Gregory

## Celebration

Hymn of Response

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Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

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

*Julie Snow*

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