

## Announcements

**Sanctuary Flowers.** The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Pat Riddell given by her children and their families.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** May 13 at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. Topic from Proverbs is "Wealth." Come and learn why something collected 3000 years ago is still relevant in the 21st century!

**Missions Sunday.** Next Sunday, May 18, 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.

**Potluck Lunch.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, May 18, following the worship service for a potluck lunch. We will learn more about reaching out to Muslims in our community.

**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.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Chelle Spencer and Fran Haynes  
Next Week: Myrleann Schwerin and Isaac Spencer

### Children's Church:

Today: Dot Hutelmyer and Betty Bessette  
Next Week: Chelle Spencer and Lynn Limon

### Counter:

Today: Tim Bessette  
Next Week: Gene Parks

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Tim Bessette

### Elder Greeter

Today: Gene Parks  
Next Week: None Scheduled

### Tithes and Offerings for May 4:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund               | \$ 3,862.50 |
| Faith Promise              | \$ 100.00   |
| Memorials for Pat Riddell: | \$ 25.00    |
| WW/Bday Offering:          | \$ 25.45    |
| Easter Offering To Date:   | \$ 777.00   |

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

## Preparation

Silent Meditation

The Church is supernatural in origin; it has to be supernatural in operation. And any preacher not praying is playing. And any church not praying is straying. And you don't revolutionize planet earth with a playing preacher and a straying church.  
A. Louis Patterson, Jr. (†2014 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 89

*Minister* I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

*People* **Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Preparation  
213

Because He Lives

Resurrection

## Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
88

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, we confess the many ways we have fallen short of your glory, for the ways we have given into temptation once again, for the ways we have not honored you with our words, our thoughts, or our bodies, for the ways we have failed to trust you for all we need and to depend upon you in all we do. Forgive us and restore us by your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 2:11-15

*In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him, through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

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

*Acts 16:25-34*

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

*Minister* The Word of the Lord

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

Sacrament of Baptism

*Anna Grace Spencer*

Anthem

Grace Us, O Lord

*Choir*

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 1:4-11*

<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. <sup>5</sup> And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup> Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' <sup>10</sup> They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. <sup>11</sup> O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Where Reformation Begins: Prayer

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

435

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Converse*

Affirmation of Faith — Based on 1 Corinthians 12

*Minister* What do you believe about the Church, the Body of Christ?

*People* **For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.**

**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -**

**Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -**

**and we all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

**Thus, there should be no division in the body,**

**but we should have the same care for one another.**

**If one member suffers, all suffer together;**

**if one member is honored, all rejoice together.**

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

*Ed Limon*

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