

Announcements

Missions Sunday. Today, 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 today 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.

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.

Young At Heart. Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 27. Mark McKinney from Christian Adventures Youth Ministry in Graham, North Carolina will be our speaker. Our menu will consist of sandwiches, salad, fruit and dessert. Any food contributions will be gratefully accepted. Please let Margaret or Glenn know if you plan to bring something.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Isaac Spencer
Next Week: Karen Jones and Mark Sanderson

Children's Church:

Today: Chelle Spencer and Lynn Limon
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Christy Gregory

Counter:

Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Jim Knox

Tithes and Offerings for May 11:

General Fund	\$ 4,346.85
Memorials for Pat Riddell To Date:	\$ 274.00
Easter Offering To Date:	\$ 1,077.00

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Missions Sunday

May 18, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The church which is not a missionary church will be a missing church when Jesus comes.

F. B. Meyer (†1929 A.D.)

God had only one Son, and He was a missionary.

David Livingstone (†1873 A.D.)

Prelude

Let Happy Hosanas Ring

Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 86

Minister There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

People **For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God!**

Hymn of Preparation
87

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Laudes Domini

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
59

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 103:8-13

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear 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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Minister The Word of the Lord

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

Anthem

The Strife is O'er

Handbell Choir

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

New Testament Reading

John 8:12-30

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

I Am the Light of the World

Rev. Ali Mitchell

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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We've a Story to Tell the Nations

Message

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. 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

Victory March

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