

Announcements

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.

Mission Moment. Does the word "missionary" bring to mind someone who travels overseas to share the gospel or our local outreaches to people who need food, shelter or clothing? Our giving here at First ARP also reaches a different but equally needy population: college and university students. Christy Gregory and Doug Arms do this at Elon University. Jesse Wesselink ministers to international students in Greensboro. Pray for them!

Young At Heart. We had 26 in attendance for our April Young at Heart meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 27. Mark Mckinney from Christian Adventures Youth Ministry in Graham, North Carolina will be our speaker. Christian Adventurers' motto is "Declaring God's power to the next generation." Psalm 71:18. The purpose of this organization is to communicate a Christian world view to the unchurched youth and the casual follower of Christ through Bible study every Monday night for kids 8-18. The night also consists of basketball games, Bible study and times for kids to hang out with each other. 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.

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.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Karen Jones and Mark Sanderson
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Donna Wolff

Children's Church:

Today: Kristen Carter and Christy Gregory
Next Week: Dot Hutelmyer and Doug Cobb

Counter:

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Jim Knox

Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal
Next Week: Doug Glass

Elder Greeter

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for May 18:

General Fund \$3,486.00

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Whatever man may stand, whatever he may do, to whatever he may apply his hand – in agriculture, in commerce, and in industry, or his mind, in the world of art, and science – he is, in whatsoever it may be, constantly standing before the face of God. He is employed in the service of his God. He has strictly to obey his God. And above all, he has to aim at the glory of his God.

Abraham Kuyper (†1920 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 47

Minister Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People ***Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.***

Hymn of Preparation
6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
25

Immortal, Invisible

St. Denio

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient people: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free for joyful obedience to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

Missions Moment

Lynn Limon

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14, 29-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. . . . ²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.'" ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Reception of New Members

Erik, Kelli, and Zoey Ensley

Sacrament of Baptism

Zoey Ellen Ensley

Anthem

People Need the Lord
Lynn Limon & Dot Hutelmyer

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 2:1-8

¹ In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ² And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. ³ I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴ Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." ⁶ And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. ⁷ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸ and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Where Reformation Begins: Burden
Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response
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The Solid Rock
Solid Rock

Affirmation of Faith — Based on Romans 6

Minister What shall we say? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

All ***By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? For all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.***

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

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