

Announcements

Sanctuary Flowers. The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in honor of James and Lola Knox on their 58th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

Birthday Jubilee Offering. Today is the last Sunday to contribute to the “2014 Jubilee Offering”. You may use the green “Love Offering” envelopes.

Recognition of Graduates. Today we recognize the high school graduation of two of our students, Erin Cobb and Seth Spaulding. Please extend congratulations to both Erin and Seth!

Pastoral Needs. Our pastor will be away from June 9-21 for General Synod (our annual denominational meeting) and study leave. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact one of the elders.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets June 10 in the conference room at 10:30. Topic from Proverbs is “Using Our Wealth Wisely.” Come join us!

GIRL Time. Saturday, June 14th: Outing to the Gibsonville Farmer's Market. Meet at the church at 10 to carpool to the market, enjoy lunch together and then return home in the early afternoon. We will have a Bible study on July 6; time and place to be announced.

Missional Lunch. Please join us after church on June 29 for another missional lunch. We will discuss some practical ways to live out our faith in the community. Please bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you there!

Ladies. 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.

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!

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Myrleann Schwerin and Macon Baird
Next Week: Chelle Spender and Mary Jane Glass

Children’s Church:

Today: Christy Gregory and Chelle Spencer
Next Week: Jan Burwell and Tammy Cobb

Counter:

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty

Today: Tim Bessette
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Elder Greeter

Today: None Scheduled
Next Week: None Scheduled

Tithes and Offerings for June 1:

General Fund	\$2,917.35
World Witness Birthday Offering:	\$ 11.80
Birthday Jubilee: \$7.00 To Date:	\$ 192.00

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

Pentecost

June 8, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers [meeting] together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.

A. W. Tozer (†1963 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, Recognition of High School Graduates, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 91 and Romans 10

Minister Let us worship God.

People **He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.**

Minister Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.
For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.

People **Let us call upon our true God,
believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths,
worshipping him in spirit and in truth.**

Hymn of Preparation
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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Regent Square

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration
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Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 John 1:5, 7

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

Ephesians 2:1-22

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. ¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands-- ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

Anthem

Our Hope Is In You Alone

Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 3:1-32

¹ Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³ The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁴ And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵ And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord. ⁶ Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁷ And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River. ⁸ Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹ Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired. ¹⁰ Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. ¹¹ Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. ¹² Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters. ¹³ Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate. ¹⁴ Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ¹⁵ And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David. ¹⁶ After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷ After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district. ¹⁸ After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah. ¹⁹ Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress. ²⁰ After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹ After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²² After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. ²³ After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. ²⁴ After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress ²⁵ and to the corner. Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh ²⁶ and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. ²⁷ After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel. ²⁸ Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. ²⁹ After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. ³⁰ After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. ³¹ After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. ³² And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Reformation Begins: Building the Wall

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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Our God Has Made Us One

Weber

Affirmation of Faith — Based on 1 Timothy 3

Minister What do you affirm about Jesus Christ?

All ***We affirm the mystery of godliness – that Christ Jesus appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, and was taken up in glory. 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

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