

## Announcements

**Missionary Carlos Gomez.** Today Carlos Gomez will be sharing about his ministry in Spain in the Sunday School hour. There will also be a question and answer time at the luncheon following the worship service. Please support those who come to visit and share God's work in missions by attending these events.

**Missions Potluck.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on August 17 after the morning worship service for a potluck luncheon. The main dish, rolls, and drinks are provided.

**Day of Prayer and Fasting.** The Moderator of our Synod has called for a church-wide day of prayer and fasting on Sunday, August 24, for Christians being persecuted and killed by extremists in Syria, Iraq, and Nigeria. In the midst of great trial for family members, we can offer the support of our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ for strength to endure and for evil to be thwarted.

**Choir Rehearsal.** Choir rehearsals will resume today, August 17 at 5 pm. Please join us!

**Handbell Choir.** There will be a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, August 24 immediately after the worship service. Please meet near the organ.

**Request from the Session.** All members of the congregation are requested and encouraged to contact their shepherding elder when they hear of anyone that may be sick, going in the hospital, or if there has been a death in the family. This will allow follow-up by the elders and deacons. Your assistance is very important during this time of transition. We know we can count on you!

**Ladies Bible Study.** The Tuesday morning ladies Bible study is scheduled to resume in September. Stay tuned!

**G.I.R.L Time.** Here are some dates for your calendar! Plan to join us for these wonderful times of fellowship.

August 19 - Dinner at Maria's at 6:00 pm

September 3 - Bible study by Fran Haynes, 7:30 pm at Starbucks on Huffman Mill Rd

September 28 - Secret Sister Reveal! Lunch after the worship service.

**Young At Heart.** We are looking forward with excitement to the 2014-2015 year of fellowship and programs, and of course, food! See you in September!

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bryan Crotts

August 24 - Bryan Crotts

August 31 - Norman Evans

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Nicole Newton and Donna Wolff

Next Week: Karen Jones and Connie Bennett

### Counter:

Today: David Newton

Next Week: Mark Vestal

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass

Next Week: Glenn Owens

### Tithes and Offerings for August 10:

General Fund \$7,441.38

## The Session

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

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: Jessica Richardson

Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller

Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

## Church Staff

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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2014

## Preparation

Silent Meditation

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

John Newton

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 146

*Minister* Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

*People* ***Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.***

*Minister* Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

*People* ***The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.***

*Minister* The Lord watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

*People* ***The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the Lord!***

Hymn of Preparation  
262

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

## Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration  
173

All Glory, Laud and Honor

St. Theodulph

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**We confess to you, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our sins through Christ Jesus. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to your Word. Almighty and merciful Father, restore our souls in Jesus Christ, that we may be merciful and kind, even as you are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for his sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 103:11-13

- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to 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

Mission Moment Carlos Gomez

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Anthem Duet  
*Mary Jane Glass*  
*Karen Hayes*

New Testament Reading *Mark 10:46-52*

<sup>46</sup>And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Bryan Crotts  
The Man Who Could See Jesus

## Dedication

Hymn of Response  
16 We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer  
*Kremser*

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 Duet  
*Mary Jane Glass*  
*Karen Hayes*

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