

Announcements

Welcome. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

New Pastor. Rev. Bryan P. Crotts was officially approved by the First Presbytery on April 14, 2015, as Pastor of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Ruling Elders Bennett Richardson and Bill Haynes were present to witness Bryan's examination and approval as Pastor.

Upcoming Events for Pastor Bryan Crotts:

- May 3, Morning Worship Service: First Sermon as Pastor
- May 3, Installation Service 6 PM. Catered reception following in the Fellowship Hall
- May 24, Catered Lunch in honor of Rev. Crotts and family in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service

Easter Denominational Offering. Each year at Easter time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The flyer and envelopes can be located at each entrance of the sanctuary. Please use the special envelope provided. The final offering will be collected today, April 19, 2015.

Ladies Event. Ladies we will be taking a day trip to Sea Grove Pottery, Saturday, May 2, 2015. We will be taking the church van. Time TBD.

Ladies Bible Study. The next Ladies Bible Study is planned for May 10, 2015. Please bring your lunch and meet in the fellowship hall immediately after the closing of the 11:00 worship. Janice Richardson will lead our study. All women are welcome!

Young at Heart. Our next Young at Heart fellowship will be Tuesday April 28 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be baked spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Any food contributions will be appreciated. Grady Pack will give a program about restoring carousels. Last month we had 20 present for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

Meals on Wheels. Volunteers are needed for Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12. Please contact Glenn or Margaret Owens if you are able to help on one or both days. Please also consider letting them know if you are willing to be put on a list for when volunteers are needed.

Graduation Party. You are invited to a graduation party in honor of Kathryn Richardson on May 16, 2015 at 5 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. **RSVP by Monday April 20, 2015** to Janice Richardson 336-449-7057 or Email at bestelect1@embarqmail.com.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today: Rev. Stephen Crotts
Next Week: Rev. Stephen Crotts

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Karen Jones and Doug Cobb
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Donna Wolff

Counter:

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: John Robinson

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Macon Baird

Elder Greeter:

Today: John Robinson
Next Week: Jay Snow

Tithes and Offerings for April 12:

General Fund	\$3,745.89
Easter Offering	\$ 125.00
Floral	\$ 10.63

The Session

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes
2018: Bennett Richardson, John Robinson, Jay Snow

The Diaconate

Chairman: Doug Glass
V-Chairman/Secretary: David Newton

2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton
2017 : Macon Baird, Stephen Robinson

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Gene Parks (2015), Ferald Mann (2016),
Steve Kyaw (2017), Jim Knox (2018)
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Bryan P. Crotts

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - Ephesians 1: 15-18

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

Prelude How Great Thou Art *Handbell Choir*

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - (Responsive Reading)

All: Seek the Lord!

Leader: And you will find He is seeking you.

All: Love the LORD!

Leader: And we have found He has been Loving us a long, long time.

All: Draw near to God!

Leader: And, indeed, He has drawn near to us.

All: So let worship happen in this place as we praise His name.

* Hymn of Preparation
262

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
382

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*** Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

Prayer of confession: What makes me like this, LORD? I am a stranger to You, myself, other people. I want you yet I don't want you. I love you, but I do not listen to you. I welcome you, yet hide in fear. I need you, yet choose to go it alone. Oh treat my human frailty with your divine love and never give up on me, never stop loving me until all my waywardness is transformed into fellowship and peace. Now, Lord, hear me as I quietly confess my sins.....

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* 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 - Psalm 1 (Sermon Text)

- ¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
² But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Anthem Let Happy Hosannas Ring *Handbell Choir*

New Testament Reading - Ephesians 5:1-5

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. ³ But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴ and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Nowhere Man? Rev. Stephen Crotts

Dedication

Affirmation of Faith — 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 *Handbell Choir*
The Strife Is O'er

* 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***

* Hymn of Response
345 Blessed Assurance *Assurance*

Benediction

Postlude