

## 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

**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. Please meet at the church at 9 AM.

**Ladies Bible Study.** Women's Bible study **date change!** Due to the 2nd Sunday in May being Mother's Day and due to May having so many events, our next Bible study will be the second Sunday in June which is June 14. Meanwhile let's continue to pray for one another and for our church.

**Young at Heart.** Our next Young at Heart fellowship will be this 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. Please join us!

**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.

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

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

## Ministry Information

### Nursery:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Donna Wolff  
Next Week: Fran Haynes and Jessie Richardson

### Counter:

Today: John Robinson  
Next Week: David Newton

### Deacon on Duty:

Today: Macon Baird  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

### Elder Greeter:

Today: Jay Snow  
Next Week: Gene Parks

### Tithes and Offerings for April 19:

General Fund	\$2,129.69
Easter Offering Final Total	\$1,111.00

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

## Preparation

Silent Meditation - Psalm 50:1-3

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God, the Lord, has spoken,  
And summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God has shone forth.  
<sup>3</sup> May our God come and not keep silence;  
Fire devours before Him,  
And it is very tempestuous around Him.

Prelude

*Ed Limon*

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - (Responsive Reading)

Minister For Lo, the Winter is past

**People The rain is over**

Minister And the voice of the dove is heard throughout the land

**People The flowers appear in the garden**

Minister All of nature rejoices

**People We hear the voice of our beloved**

Minister He calls to us

**People Arise my loves and come away with me**

**All And so shall we now worship as the Bride before our coming Groom Jesus!**

\* Hymn of Preparation  
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O for a Thousand Tongues

*Azmon*

## Adoration

\* Invocation

\* Hymn of Adoration  
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May Jesus Christ Be Praised

*Laudes Domini*

\* **Congregation Standing**

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

***Almighty God, whose nature is Holy, whose eyes cannot look upon our sin and refuse to care. You who hate all deeds of iniquity and words of lying, have mercy upon us, your wayward children. By the merits of Christ's atoning death on the cross forgive your erring children. So fill us again with your Holy Spirit that we might learn to hate our sins, turn away from them, and live lives more worthy of our calling. Now hear us each as we confess privately....***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:12

*As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

\* 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 2 (Sermon Text)

<sup>1</sup> ***Why are the nations in an uproar  
And the peoples devising a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,  
“Let us tear their fetters apart  
And cast away their cords from us!”  
He who sits in the heavens laughs,  
The Lord scoffs at them.  
Then He will speak to them in His anger  
And terrify them in His fury, saying,  
“But as for Me, I have installed My King  
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”  
“I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.  
Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,  
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
You shall shatter them like earthenware.”  
Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;  
Take warning, O judges of the earth.  
Worship the Lord with reverence  
And rejoice with trembling.  
Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,  
For His wrath may soon be kindled.  
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!***

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

Anthem

Fly Away Medley

*Choir*

New Testament Reading - Romans 13:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; <sup>4</sup> for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

WHY?

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

Julie Snow

\* 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

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Rise Up, O Church of God

*St. Thomas*

Benediction

Postlude