

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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### *Unbroken Fellowship Essential*

“If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” -John 15:7

Of necessity we must be in Christ to live unto Him, and we must abide in Him to be able to claim the largesse of this promise from Him. To abide in Jesus is never to quit Him for another love or another object, but to remain in living, loving, conscious, willing union with Him. The branch is not only ever near the stem but ever receiving life and fruitfulness from it. All true believers abide in Christ in a sense; but there is a higher meaning, and this we must know before we can gain unlimited power at the throne. “Ask what ye will” is for Enochs who walk with God, for Johns who lie in the LORD’s bosom, for those whose union with Christ leads to constant communion. The heart must reman in love, the mind must be rooted in faith, the hope must be cemented to the Word, the whole man must be joined unto the LORD, or else it would be dangerous to trust us with power in prayer. The carte blanche can only be given to one whose very life is, “Not I, but Christ liveth in me.” O you who break your fellowship, what power you lose! If you would be mighty in your pleadings, the LORD Himself must abide in you, and you in Him.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
Daily Devotional  
Monday February 23, 2015*

### **His Robes for Mine**

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

#### *Chorus:*

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken,  
God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life  
is not my own. My praise—my all—shall be for Christ  
alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried “Tis done!”  
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone; I, as though He,  
embraced and welcomed home!

*(Text by Chris Anderson; Tune by Greg Habegger)*



**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY: *March 8, 2015***



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## EASTER CANTATA

Our Easter Cantata is "Worthy Is The Lamb" by Sue C. Smith and Mason Brown. You are invited to join the choir and "Sing unto the Lord." Cantata rehearsal will be on Sundays from 5:30-6:00 pm.

## HANDBELL CHOIR

We will meet at 4:00 pm on Sundays for rehearsal. See you then! Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Bible study, prayer & fellowship time: Women, please come out beginning March 8 immediately after the 11:00 worship service. We will meet in the room closest to the fellowship hall. Bring your lunch. Janice Richardson will lead this study on surrender.

## LADIES EVENT!

The Exchange will be Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 2 to 4pm. This is a clothing/accessory (clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, etc.) swap at the church. You do not have to bring anything to attend. There will be an early drop-off box in the Narthex for items. Set up will start at 1:30pm. Any items not taken on the day of the event will be donated. Please invite your friends.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

**ILLNESS:** **Theo Baulding & Mae Wilburn** (continuing Health Needs), **Gregory Family** (Gary caring for Hope with Alzheimer's), **Boswell Family** (Harold's sister Virginia with Alzheimer's), **Peggy Mitchell** (rehab at The Oaks, Rm. 213), **Owen Constable** (hospital stay at Duke with appendicitis/Drs. to evaluate his treatment this week), **Betty Mann & Stephen Robinson** (recovering from shingles), **Karen Hoke** (fell on ice/has a broken kneecap), **Jondeen Terry** (upcoming knee replacement surgery in Durham 3/3), **Shirley Boswell** (cataract surgery on March 2) **Remember all our shut-ins.**

**SYMPATHY:** The Congregation extends sincere sympathy to those who have lost loved ones in recent days: **Gary, Hope & Ben Gregory**, Hope's mother, Billie Amick. **Glenn & Margaret Owens**, Glenn's sister, Ruth Roberts.

**CHURCH NEEDS:** Support for the new Session and Diaconate; Congregational love & unity; Pastor Search.

**MISSIONARIES:** Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

**OTHER MISSIONS:** Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Constable	3/1
Marion Angel	3/2
David Turner	3/2
Eddie McKinnon	3/3
Donna Vestal	3/6
Katherine Baird	3/10
Sarah wright	3/10
Cathy Young	3/15
Larry Causey	3/18
Gary Gregory	3/24
Kelly Limon	3/24
Carolyn Christopher	3/26
Britt Causey	3/29

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Doug & Tammy Cobb (27)	3/12
Gary & Hope Gregory (26)	3/19
Rucker & Audrey Turner (64)	3/26

## MISSION & OUTREACH

Please plan to attend a potluck luncheon after Worship on March 15, to hear a presentation on the mission to Trinidad, given by Connie Bennett, Jessica Richardson, and Donna Wolff. Everyone is invited and urged to show support for these who have gone out from our congregation.

## MINISTRY REMINDERS

### Nursery:

Mar 1: Nicole Newton  
Donna Wolff  
Mar 8: Kristen Carter  
Macon Baird

### Counter:

Mar 1: Bennett Richardson  
Mar 8: Gene Parks

### Deacon Duty:

Mar 1: Stephen Robinson  
Mar 8: Macon Baird

### Elder Greeter:

Mar 1:  
Mar 8: John Robinson