



First Associate Reformed

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming family of Reformed believers committed to the historic Christian faith and life.

EVENTS

JANUARY

30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal—6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

1-2 Grace Presbytery - Ambassador Presbyterian, Apex, NC

3 Sunday School—9:45 AM, Morning Worship & Lord's Supper—11 AM, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship—6 PM

4 Men's Lunch & Evening Gathering—12 noon at Southbound Sandwich Shop & 7 PM at Panera Bread - *Romans*, week 4

5 Ladies' Evening Book Study—7 PM at the pastor's home - *Romans*, week 4

6 Ladies' Morning Bible Study—11 AM in the Conference Room - *Romans*, week 4

6 Cat Kids—6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

10 Sunday School—9:45 AM, Morning Worship—11 AM, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship—6 PM

12 Table Talk (young adults)—7 PM at the pastor's home

13 Cat Kids—6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

17 Sunday School—9:45 AM, Morning Worship—11 AM, **Congregational Lunch—12:15 PM**, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship—6 PM

18 Stated Session & Deacon Meeting - 11 AM

24 Sunday School—9:45 AM, Morning Worship—11 AM, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening Worship—6 PM

MARCH

2 Craft Day & Chick-Fil-A Day—12:30 P.M.

23 Homebound Members Visits & Gift Bag Delivery—2 P.M.

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

A review of the evening news will give you the blues. Especially so, if you are a Christian and have shared values of our Lord.

Last March in the state of New York, a law was made to protect tortoises from crab pots. It's not a bad law. God has made us lords over creation and no unnecessary harm should come to one of God's creatures.

The same body of lawmakers recently wrote into law provisions allowing for later term abortions.

One event was hailed a great day for New York State tortoises. Another event was full of wonderment as women's personal health was promoted.

But what about the baby? The helpless one? Isn't the personal health of the baby compromised?

Our study of Psalm 94 this past Lord's Day evening helped the congregation to think through this matter.

We ought to be horrified, as God is, when the helpless are attacked, even killed. If God values life, so should we.

We ought to be angry, full of sorrow at the wickedness of this age.

Our prayers should be: "Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve! O LORD, how long shall the wicked exult?"

Evil may seem to prevail. Wicked people may boast in their evil. Many may call evil good. And in the process, the death of innocent ones.

The LORD does see! The God of Jacob does perceive! If the LORD was not our help, the cares of our hearts would be too many. And so we rest in the fact that God sees and will act.

The church is called to have a prophetic voice in the world, to speak for the Lord. And so our message of warning should be clear - God *sees, hears, perceives, rebukes, and teaches*.

Our message of a Savior ought to be clear.

It is one thing to judge matters and to make pronouncements. It is another thing to do something to help solve the problem. And so we preach the realities of sin, the wickedness of taking life, the selfishness of personal well-being over the well-being of others, and most of all - we proclaim the perfect life, obedience, and sacrifice of the One who can forgive and heal from any sin.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 4 Harold Boswell
- 7 John Robinson
- 10 George McKinney
- 10 Margaret Owens
- 15 Jan Burwell
- 17 Karen Hoke
- 18 Lynn Limon

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

- 3 Cathy & John Young

“Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.”
 Psalm 94:12 & 13, *ESV*

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RESOURCES & HIGHLIGHTS

BIBLE READING PLANS: VISIT LIGONIER.ORG

Issues of *TABLE TALK*—a devotional magazine—are available at the Sanctuary entrances & on the **Resource Shelf** in the Fellowship Hall Wing.

Read *TABLE TALK* Magazine online tabletalkmagazine.com

Join us for a **Fellowship Lunch**

Sunday, February 17 at 12:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall!

We will serve soup & salad & drinks.

Please bring bread, crackers or a dessert to share.

Let Mandy Crotts know if you would like to help serve &/or clean up.

Craft Day & Chick-Fil-A — Saturday, March 2 at 12:30 P.M.

Gather in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. Help us paint miniature artwork —whether you are an artist or not—for our Homebound Members to be delivered with other treats at 2 P.M. on Saturday, March 23. Suggested donations include mini lotions, mini kleenexes, hard or soft candies—individually wrapped, small oranges and apples.

Homebound Members Visits & Gift Bag Delivery

Saturday, March 23 at 2 P.M.



BABY BOY MENDIOLA is soon to arrive in February! Let’s shower them with gifts! Maggie & Steven are registered for specific gifts at amazon.com baby registry. Gift cards are also welcome. Gifts may be placed in the basket in the Fellowship Hall until the end of February.

A memorial for Elizabeth Barber has been given from the Ladies Bible Class.

Stewardship Snapshot:

Tithes and Offerings - 1/27 \$3,889.91

YTD 2019 \$14,891.92 - Budget Needs \$19,000

Legacy Fund Balance - \$178,525

NURSERY

- February 3 Joyce Payne & John Robinson
- February 10 Carol Erb & David Robinson

COUNTERS

- James Constable, Jay Snow
- Bill Haynes, Jay Snow

DEACON ON DUTY

- Larry Isley
- Larry Isley