



COVENANT

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

March 20, 2016

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Let It Be Said of Us"

Call to Worship*

Invocation and Lord's Prayer*

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.*

Reading of God's Word

Colossians 2:13-14

I Peter 2:21-25

Hymn of Adoration*

"O Worship the King" (#2)

(* Please stand if you are able)

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation He came down from heaven: and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Reflection*

"The Power of the Cross"

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
CCLI#2579155

*O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood. (Chorus)*

Chorus:

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*O, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your blood-stained brow. (Chorus)*

*Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life –
“Finished!” the victory cry. (Chorus)*

*O, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff’ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!
This pow’r of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology* (#731)

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Amen*

Anthem

“Bless Us Now This Day”

Sermon

“The Cross of Christ”

Rev. Ken Counts

Matthew 27:39-61

Hymn of Response*

*“To God Be The Glory” (#55)
(Verses 1 and 2)*

Lord’s Supper

Hymn of Response*

*“To God Be The Glory” (#55)
(Verse 3)*

Benediction*

*May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father’s boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit’s favor,
Rest upon us from above. Amen*

Outreach Partner of the Month

The Pettet family has been in Greenville, SC for just over one year where Alex is the Executive Director of World Witness. Their prayers for housing and successful establishment in the community have been realized and they are thriving. Pray for Alex's traveling safety. His heavy international travel schedule will include visits to Turkey, Spain, Germany, and Pakistan before June in addition to domestic travel.

Pray the Lord continues to provide guidance, protection, and opportunities for World Witness. Pray also for guidance regarding 59 million refugees around the globe requiring assistance.

Sermon Notes

Rev. Ken Counts

"The Cross of Christ"

Matthew 27:39-61

Meetings at the Church

Sunday, March 20	9:45 AM	Praise Worship Lord's Supper
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday, March 23	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 24	5:45 PM	Senior Fellowship Dinner

Future Events

Sunday, March 27		Easter
Sunday, April 3	4:00 PM	Transition Team Meeting
Monday, April 4	6:00 PM	Ladies Evening Bible Study

Pray for God's Blessings

Shirleen King, Priscilla Rogers, Linda Moore, Marlene Silence, Milton Hendricks, Bryan Weaver, Dave Hall, Crystal Spiritosanto, Zachariah Vunyo, Luann Brown, Pierce family

Nursery Duty

Today:	Sunday School - Ava Langley Worship - Fonda Faires & Mary Carmona (DeeDee)
Next Sunday:	Sunday School - Jill Tinklenberg Worship - Jo Belfiore & Cara Lene Tussey (Fonda)

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: *Each Wednesday at 7:30 PM there is a short discussion time of a Bible passage led by Rev. Ken Counts and then a time of prayer for requests made. Consider setting aside time from busy schedules and be blessed and be a blessing to others as you learn more about God's Word and your relationship with Him, and as you pray for others!*

Operation Christmas Child: The Women of the Church are going to be collecting items throughout the year for Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child." Please pick up a copy explaining this ministry on the back table.

Senior Fellowship Dinner: *The Senior Fellowship Dinner is at Mai Tai on Thursday, March 24, at 5:45 PM. Although it is called a "Senior" dinner, all ages are invited! Come have a nice time of fellowship and get to know others better!*

Please keep praying for the Transition Team and the Pulpit Committee.

Church Calendar

(Check announcements for changes)

Sunday	9:45 AM	Praise Worship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
4 th Sunday		Lord's Supper
1 st Monday	6:00 PM	Ladies Evening Bible Study
2 nd Monday	6:30 PM	Men of the Church Dinner
3 rd Tuesday	5:30 PM	Ladies Craft Night
	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
4 th Thursday	5:45 PM	Senior Fellowship Dinner

Session

Class of 2016:
Charles Faires

Class of 2018:
Tony Langley

Elder Emeritus: Milton Hendricks
Elder Emeritus: David Hall

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