

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we own more than we use, request more than we reasonably need, and grasp at what we do not have. We struggle to live in dependence upon you and so often fail to trust you to meet our needs. We wrestle with discontent and complain about what we do not have. For these things we humbly repent. And we ask that you would change our hearts so that we would trust you for all we need, be content with all that we have, and be generous towards others with the blessings we have received. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

“In a surge of anger

I hid my face from you for a moment,

but with everlasting kindness

I will have compassion on you,”

says the Lord your Redeemer.

“I, even I, am he who blots out

your transgressions, for my own sake,

and remembers your sins no more.”

“I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,

your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me,

for I have redeemed you.”

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

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:1-10

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Minister The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Bow the Knee

Lauren Orr

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-15

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal.”

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

The Eighth Commandment: You Shall Not Steal

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Affirmation of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 110-111

Minister What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

People ***He forbids not only the theft and robbery which civil authorities punish, but God also labels as theft all wicked tricks and schemes by which we seek to get for ourselves our neighbor's goods, whether by force or under the pretext of right, such as false weights and measures, deceptive advertising or merchandising, counterfeit money, exorbitant interest, or any other means forbidden by God. He also forbids all greed and misuse and waste of his gifts.***

Minister But what does god require of you in this commandment?

People ***That I work for the good of my neighbor wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would have others deal with me, and do my work well so that I may be able to help the poor in their need.***

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

Lauren Orr

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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

Festival on the Green

Today from 2-5 PM. Please join the church family for an afternoon of music, food, games, and fun. Everyone is welcome! This will be a special time to enjoy one another and invite others to join in the fun. Please bring a friend and a lawn chair and join us for the afternoon.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School this year will be August 12th—15th from 6:15-7:30 PM. The theme will be “Walking in Faith.” If you have an interest in serving or participating, please contact Kristen Carter.

Ladies' Bible Studies

Please join us Tuesday morning 8/13 at 10:30 in the Conference Room for a discussion of 2 & 3 John.

Please join us Tuesday evening 8/13 at 6:30 PM in the church foyer. We will continue our study on the facets of a Christian woman. Our topic is: *Sometimes I'm Shy*. All ladies are welcome! Contact: Dot Hutelmyer: thehutelmyermom@hotmail.com or 336-584-4654.

Next Missional Lunch

Please join us for the next Missional Living potluck and discussion on Sunday, September 8th following the service. If you have or have not attended in the past, please mark your calendar and join the discussion. Hope to see you there!

Attention Ladies!

Our church will host a Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 14th from 8:30-4:30. All-day attendance is not necessary. We welcome those that want to stay for any part of the day. A BBQ lunch will be provided. \$5 per ticket. Contact Britt Causey: 336-266-1685 or bcausey4@triad.rr.com Please join us for a day of encouragement and bible study!

Nursery and Children's Worship

About 18 volunteers are needed for Nursery. If you aren't able to be on the floor and play, you can still be the second person in the room who can rock a baby and help. About 10 people are needed for Children's Worship. If you aren't comfortable teaching, you can also serve as the helper. Volunteers should only serve about once every two months or 6 times a year. If you are willing to serve, please email Gloria at gloria@firstarpburlington.org.

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Jessie Richardson and Kristen Carter

Children's Church:

Today: Jan Burwell and John Robinson

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Glenn Owens

Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter:

Today: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for August 4:

General Fund \$ 6,743.33

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks

Clerk: Matt Causey

2013: Doug Cobb, Matt Causey

2015: Dick Fuller, Gene Parks

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens

Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal

Secretary: Doug Glass

2013: Randall Cobb

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal

2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks

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Preparation

Silent Meditation

Next to your own persons and your wife, your wordly goods stand closest to you, and God means them to be secured to you, and therefore commands that no one shall take away or lessen any part of his neighbor's possessions. ... Now this is a very common vice. ... For stealing signifies not only emptying chests and pockets, but also taking advantage of others at market, warehouses, wine and beer shops, workshops, in short, wherever men transact business and give money for goods and labor.

Martin Luther (†1546 A.D.)

Be content with the estate that God has given you.... [for] theft is the daughter of avarice. Study contentment. Believe that condition best which God has carved out to you. He can bless the little meal in the barrel. We shall not need these things long: we shall carry nothing out of the world with us but our winding-sheet. If we have but enough to bear out our charges to heaven, it is sufficient.

Thomas Watson (†1686 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 89

Minister The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all this in it, you have founded them.

People **You have a mighty arm and strong is your hand.**

Minister Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

People **You are the glory of our strength, O Lord.**

Hymn of Preparation

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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration

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This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata