

## Announcements

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 and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

**Congratulations!** To Isaac and Chelle Spencer on the birth of Anna Grace, born on Saturday the 18th at 4:23am. She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and is approximately 21 inches long. They wish to express their gratitude: *“Thank you so much for your love and support of our family as we prepared for and are now adjusting to Anna’s arrival. Thank you for the baby shower, all of your gifts, your prayers and encouragements as well as the food you are bringing to us. You have made us feel so loved. Thank you!”*

**Contact Information.** Please contact the church office if you have had a change in your contact information since the 2013 church directory. We will be printing a new directory in February and will need current mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers. You may email Gloria at [gloria@firstarpburlington.org](mailto:gloria@firstarpburlington.org) or call the church office at 336-584-6929.

**Young at Heart.** January 28, 2014. Ann Baker from Meals On Wheels will be the speaker in January. We are having baked spaghetti, salad, and plain and garlic bread. Don’t miss this great time of fellowship!

**Blakey Hall.** This Sunday, January 26th is an opportunity to minister to our community. We will meet on the first floor of the main building to hand out gift bags to the residents. Please contact Britt Causey at 336-266-1685 if you plan to attend.

**Prayer Chain.** If you would like to be on our church’s prayer chain or you have a need for which you would like the church to pray, please contact the pastor.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Jessica Richardson and Tammy Cobb  
Next Week: Jessica Richardson and Nicole Newton

### Children’s Church:

Today: Kristen Carter and Jan Burwell  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Myrleann Schwerin

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Mark Vestal  
Next Week: Doug Glass

### Elder Greeter

Today: Bill Haynes  
Next Week: None Scheduled

### Elder/Deacon Counter

Today: Tim Bessette  
Next Week: Bill Haynes

### Tithes and Offerings for January 19:

General Fund           \$ 2,499.50

## The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory  
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks  
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks  
2017: Bill Haynes

## The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens  
Vice Chairman: Tim Bessette  
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal  
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough  
2016: David Newton, Tim Bessette

## Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks  
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer  
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington  
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

## Women’s Ministries

Women’s Ministries Coordinator: Christy Gregory  
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller  
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

## Church Staff

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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2014

## Preparation

### Silent Meditation

Man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God’s face, and then descends from contemplating Him to scrutinize himself. For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy – this pride is innate in all of us – unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly, and impurity. Moreover, we are not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured.

John Calvin (†1564 A.D.)

A Pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual man is easy on others and hard on himself.

A. W. Tozer (†1963 A.D.)

### Prelude

Julie Snow

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

### Call to Worship — 1 Chronicles 29

*Minister* Praise be to you, O Lord,  
God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

*People* **Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.**

### Hymn of Preparation 6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

## Adoration

### Invocation

### Hymn of Adoration 262

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — From the Book of Common Worship

*While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.*

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

Missions Moment

*Margaret Owens*

New Testament Reading

*Romans 1:28-2:11*

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. <sup>2:1</sup> Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. <sup>2</sup> We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> Do you suppose, O man--you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself--that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For God shows no partiality.

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

Anthem

Amazing Grace

*Choir*

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 29:1-30*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. <sup>2</sup> As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, <sup>3</sup> and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well. <sup>4</sup> Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." <sup>5</sup> He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!" <sup>7</sup> He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them." <sup>8</sup> But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep." <sup>9</sup> While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. <sup>10</sup> Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. <sup>12</sup> And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father. <sup>13</sup> As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, <sup>14</sup> and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month. <sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." <sup>22</sup> So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) <sup>25</sup> And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup> Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup> (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) <sup>30</sup> So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Gregory

God's Grace to Broken People: The Swindler Gets Swindled

## Dedication

Hymn of Response

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There Is a Fountain

*Cleansing Fountain*

Affirmation of Faith — The 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; 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

*David Newton*

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