

Announcements

A special Farewell Luncheon for the Gregory family has been planned for Sunday, July 27, 2014, following the Worship Service.

You are cordially invited to attend this catered event to be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please respond by July 21, 2014, to Gloria Hendry at gloria@firstarpburlington.org or Mary Jane Glass at 336.584.3684 to advise of your intention to attend.

You may wish to express your appreciation to Bryan and Christy for nearly five years of faithful service to our church.

Ladies Bible Study. The Tuesday morning ladies Bible study will not meet in July. We will resume our study on August 12, 2014. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this time of fellowship around God's Word.

Young At Heart. We are looking forward with excitement to the 2014-2015 year of fellowship and programs, and of course, food! See you in September!

Limon Mission Trip. The Limons would appreciate your prayer support while they in Mexico these next few weeks.

Newsletter Schedule. The next newsletter will be on July 15th. Then going forward it will be on a once-a-month basis on the third Tuesday of each month.

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Nicole Newton and Isaac Spencer
Next Week: Karen Jones and Stephen Robinson

Children's Church:

Today: Kristen Carter and Tammy Cobb
Next Week: Dot Hutelmyer and Christy Gregory

Counter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Doug Glass

Elder Greeter

Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Jim Knox

Tithes and Offerings for July 6:

General Fund	\$2,567.70
Love Offering (Limon)	\$ 70.00

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: Mark Vestal
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

God declares to us that Jesus Christ, who once had His side pierced, today has His heart open, as it were, that we may have assurance of the love that He bears us; that as He once had His arms fastened to the cross, now He has them wide open to draw us to Himself; and that as once He shed his blood, so today He wishes us to be plunged within it. So, when God invites us so sweetly and Jesus Christ sets before us the fruit of His death and passion...let us all come to take our stand with our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Calvin (†1564 A.D.)

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 103

Minister Praise the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul;
and forget not all his benefits.
Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion

People **Praise the Lord!**

Hymn of Preparation 20

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration 211

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Ebenezer

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, forgive us for minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Acts 14:8-23

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

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

Anthem

Show Thyself Strong

David Newton

(Dismissal to Children's Church)

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 6:1-15

¹ Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), ² Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. ³ And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" ⁴ And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. ⁵ In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶ In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. ⁷ And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, 'There is a king in Judah.' And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together." ⁸ Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind." ⁹ For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands. ¹⁰ Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night." ¹¹ But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." ¹² And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴ Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid. ¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Challenges to Reformation: The Three D's

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Dedication

Hymn of Response

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

Affirmation of Faith — Romans 1

We believe in the gospel of God – the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendent of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake we received grace and are called to the obedience that comes from faith, for his glory alone. 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

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

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