

## 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](mailto: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.** Lynn Limon has been diagnosed with an irregular heart condition. The doctor has put her on complete rest for this week and prescribed medicine to regulate her heartbeat. She and Kelly will be coming home from Mexico next week, but Ed will go on to Puebla. Please pray for Lynn, Kelly, and Ed as they go through this time of change.

## Ministry Information

### Nursery

Today: Karen Jones and Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Myrleann Schwerin and Amy Sanderson

### Children's Church:

Today: Dot Hutelmyer and Christy Gregory  
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Jan Burwell

### Counter:

Today: Gene Parks  
Next Week: Bill Haynes

### Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Mark Vestal

### Elder Greeter

Today: Jim Knox  
Next Week: Gene Parks

### Tithes and Offerings for July 13:

General Fund \$6,209.30

## 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014

## Preparation

### Silent Meditation

Almighty and most merciful God, you have given the Bible to be the revelation of your great love to us, and of your power and will to save us: grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the callousness or carelessness of our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service, and, above all, filled with the true knowledge of yourself and your son Jesus Christ.  
George Adam Smith (†1942 A.D.)

### Prelude

Julie Snow

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

### Call to Worship—Isaiah 64

*Minister* O, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

*People* **For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down and the mountains trembled before you.**

*Minister* Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,

*People* **who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.**

### Hymn of Preparation 267

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

## Adoration

### Invocation

### Hymn of Adoration 76

O for a Thousand Tongues

Azmon

## Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

***We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have neglected and misused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unkindly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and your righteousness. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation and the sin we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father. In your Son is our salvation; in your promise is our hope. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Isaiah 57:15-16, 18-19

*“For this is what the high and lofty One says--  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:  
‘I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.  
I will not accuse forever,  
nor will I always be angry,  
for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me--  
the breath of man that I have created. ...  
I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will guide him and restore comfort to him,  
creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel.  
Peace, peace, to those far and near,’ says the LORD.  
‘And I will heal them.’”*

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

*Romans 12:1-21*

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Minister The Word of the Lord

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

Anthem

Proclaim the Glory of the Lord

*Dylan Jones*

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1-12*

<sup>1</sup> And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Marks of Reformation

Rev. Bryan Gregory

## Dedication

Hymn of Response

278

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

Affirmation of Faith — From Philippians 2

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself and became obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

Once to Every Man and Nation

*Dylan Jones*

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