

Announcements

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

Congregational Meeting. A special Congregational Called Meeting of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Burlington, NC is duly called and announced by the Session to be held today after the regular Sunday Morning 11 AM Worship Hour. The purpose of this called meeting is to vote to receive Rev. Bryan Crotts and accept the terms of the Call. The Session and the Board of Deacons strongly encourage all members of First ARP Congregation to participate in this process and fervently pray and seek God's will in this call.

Easter Lilies. Today is the last day to order a memorial Easter lily. Please fill out the form that can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary. Return the form along with your payment of \$13 per plant in the envelope provided. and place in the offering plate. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

Easter Cantata. Our Easter Cantata is "Worthy Is The Lamb" by Sue C. Smith and Mason Brown.

Ladies Bible Study. Several women of our church enjoyed the fellowship and lesson studied together at our first Bible study meeting. The next meeting will be the second Sunday of April, 4/12/15. Please bring your lunch and meet in the fellowship hall immediately after the closing of the 11:00 worship. Janice Richardson will lead our study. All women are welcome!

Meals on Wheels. Volunteers are needed for Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12. Please contact Glenn or Margaret Owens if you are able to help on one or both days. Please also consider letting them know if you are willing to be put on a list for when volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Bryan Crotts
April 5: Dr. Bob Wilson

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Jessie Richardson
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Kristen Carter

Counter:

Today: Macon Baird
Next Week: Doug Glass

Deacon on Duty:

Today: David Newton
Next Week: Macon Baird

Elder Greeter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for March 22:

General Fund	\$1,547.20
Love Offering	\$ 100.00
Floral	\$ 52.00

The Session

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes
2018: Bennett Richardson, John Robinson, Jay Snow

The Diaconate

Chairman: Doug Glass
V-Chairman/Secretary: David Newton

2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton
2017 : Macon Baird, Stephen Robinson

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Gene Parks (2015), Ferald Mann (2016),
Steve Kyaw (2017), Jim Knox (2018)
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation -

"Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God"

-John Newton

Prelude

Hosannah to the Son of David

Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:1, 4, 22-24, 26, 29 (Responsive Reading)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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All Glory, Laud and Honor

St. Theodulph

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

Almighty God, I am a sinner—your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things you have forbidden and left undone things you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee; forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in him I hope and in him I come before you this day. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - I John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* 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

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 118

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁴Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁵Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. ⁶The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. ⁹It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. ¹⁰All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! ¹¹They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! ¹²They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! ¹³I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. ¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, ¹⁶the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!” ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ¹⁸The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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

Anthem

Even the Heavens

Choir

New Testament Reading - Mark 14:26-15:5

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Who I Am and Who He Is

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Dedication

* Hymn of Response

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Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Man of Sorrows

Affirmation of Faith — The Westminster Shorter Catechism 23-26

Question 23: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer.?

Answer: **Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Question 24: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Answer: **Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

Question 25: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

Answer: **Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

Question 26: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Answer: **Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

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

Ed Limon

* 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.*

Closing Prayer

Postlude