

## 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.

**Welcome our New Pastor!** Please join us in welcoming our new Pastor, Bryan P. Crotts and his family! You may contact Bryan at the church office 336-584-6929 or his cell phone 336-944-2892. Bryan's email address is: pastor@firstarpburlington.org.

**Tonight.** Please join us tonight at 6 PM for the Installation Service for Bryan Crotts as our Pastor. There will be a catered reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Luncheon.** On May 24 following the Worship service we look forward to a catered lunch in honor of Rev. Crotts and family in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to worship the Lord with us and join us for this time of fellowship!

**Ladies Bible Study.** Women's Bible study *date change!* Due to the 2nd Sunday in May being Mother's Day and due to May having so many events, our next Bible study will be the second Sunday in June which is June 14. Meanwhile let's continue to pray for one another and for our church.

**Young at Heart.** We enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship on Tuesday. We had 21 in attendance. A big "Thank You" to those who plan and prepare for these events each month!

## Ministry Information

### Nursery:

Today: Fran Haynes and Jessie Richardson  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Donna Wolff

### Counter:

Today: David Newton  
Next Week: Gene Parks

### Deacon on Duty:

Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Glass

### Elder Greeter:

Today: Gene Parks  
Next Week: John Robinson

### Tithes and Offerings for April 26:

General Fund	\$2,225.47
Whitney Mullen Memorial	\$200.00

*A special gift in honor of Bill Huffman's 86th birthday given by John and Anne Huffman.*

## 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

## Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Bryan P. Crotts  
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## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

## Preparation

### Silent Meditation - Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### Prelude

Beautiful Savior

One Voice

### Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

### Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### Hymn of Preparation\*

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We Come, O Christ, to You

## Adoration

### Invocation\*

### Hymn of Adoration\*

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Crown Him With Many Crowns

\* Congregation Standing

## Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

*O Lord our God, we are reminded of the Divine purpose for the incarnation: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over Heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. Wretched man that I am. Who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like us. In his redeeming name, we ask your forgiveness and pardon. Amen.*

### Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon - Jeremiah 31:33, 34

“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquities, and I will remember their sin no more.”

#### 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 110:1-7

<sup>1</sup> The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup> The Lord sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

<sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup> He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs.  
over the wide earth.

<sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

Minister The Word of the Lord

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

### Anthem

Glorious Day

Choir

### New Testament Reading - Ephesians 1: 15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love[a] toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Sermon

Rev. Bryan Crotts

*Our Lamb Has Conquered, Let Us Follow Him!*

## Dedication

### Hymn of Response\*

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

### Affirmation of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1 & 2

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth, to live unto him.

Minister: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

### 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*

### Benediction

### Postlude