

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.

Assistive Listening Devices Available. We want to make sure that you can hear the spoken word and feel connected to the service today. If you think you would benefit from using an assistive listening device during our services, please see one of the deacons to get more information or to try one this morning. The units come with either a single earbud, or coil loop system that is compatible with hearing aids equipped with a Telecoil, T-Coil, or, TV Mode Switch. Additionally, you can bring your own headphone sets and plug into the devices.

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.

Women's Committee. The women's committee will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:20 at church. Every woman of our church is welcome to attend. The next meeting is May 19.

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. "Getting to know you" will be our theme on Tuesday, May 26 at 11:45. Our new Pastor Bryan Crotts will have the program. Fried chicken, a salad, baked beans and banana pudding will be provided. Any food contributions are always appreciated. Come and fellowship with our new pastor.

Ministry Information

Nursery:
Today: Stephen Robinson and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Karen Jones and Macon Baird

Counter:
Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: John Robinson

Deacon on Duty:
Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Macon Baird

Elder Greeter:
Today: John Robinson
Next Week: Bennett Richardson

Tithes and Offerings for May 3:
General Fund: \$5,012.34

Financial Information
Jan-April Contributions: \$50,989.88
Jan-April Expenses: \$49,385.03
Needed to Meet Budget Jan-April: \$79,196.04

The Session

Moderator: Bryan Crotts
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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation

"I shall start, then, with the church, into whose bosom God is pleased to gather his sons, not only that they may be nourished by her help and ministry as long as they are infants and children, but also that they may be guided by her motherly care until they mature and at last reach the goal of faith...for those to whom he is Father the church may also be Mother."

John Calvin - Institutes of the Christian Religion

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Hymn of Preparation*

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Children of the Heavenly Father

Adoration

Invocation*

Hymn of Adoration*

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, or God, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to our souls, I am your salvation" (Ps. 35:3). Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. In Jesus name, Amen. [Adapted from Augustine's Confessions, I, v-vi; VIII, iv]

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I have formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

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

Reading of God's Holy Word - Proverbs 31:10-31

¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.
¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. ²² She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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

Anthem

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Choir

Reading of God's Holy Word - Psalm 144:1-15

- ¹ Blessed be the Lord, my rock,
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;
² he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.
³ O Lord, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?
⁴ Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.
⁵ Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down!
Touch the mountains so that they smoke!
⁶ Flash forth the lightning and scatter them;
send out your arrows and rout them!
⁷ Stretch out your hand from on high;
rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
from the hand of foreigners,
⁸ whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God;
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
¹⁰ who gives victory to kings,
who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me
from the hand of foreigners,
whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
¹² May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars
cut for the structure of a palace;
¹³ may our granaries be full,
providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our fields;
¹⁴ may our cattle be heavy with young,
suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!
¹⁵ Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!
Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Plants and Pillars

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Dedication

Hymn of Response*

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A Christian Home

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

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