

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.

Church Work Day. Please mark your calendar for Saturday morning, May 30 from 9-12 and plan to join us. We will be working inside and outside.

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.

Pastor Bryan Crotts' Schedule. You may contact Bryan at the church during office hours Monday - Thursday. You may call or text any time. Church office phone: 336-584-6929. Bryan's cell phone: 336-944-2892. Bryan's email address is: pastor@firstarpburlington.org. He will take Fridays off to be with his family.

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. As we celebrate the arrival of our new Pastor Bryan Crotts and his family, we invite you to attend a catered luncheon on Sunday, May 24, following the worship service. As a gesture of housewarming to the family, you may consider a greeting card and possibly enclose a gift card from Lowes Home Improvement, Target or Walmart. We will have a basket set aside in the fellowship hall to place your cards.

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.

Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, June 7 during worship. The Session has determined that the sacrament will be served on the first Sunday of every month.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Karen Jones and Macon Baird
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Doug Cobb
Counter: Today: John Robinson
Next Week: Jim Knox
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Macon Baird
Elder Greeter: Today: Bennett Richardson
Next Week: John Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for May 10:
General Fund: \$2,530.33

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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - I Corinthians 12:14-19

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Prelude

A Gentle Chorale

Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1, 21, 32

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

²¹ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Hymn of Preparation*

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Satisfied

Adoration

Invocation*

Hymn of Adoration*

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Redeemer of your people, we bow in humble confession of our sins because you have promised to forgive us on the merits of Christ, your only Son, the Lamb of God who covers our iniquities. You alone know how often we have offended you and injured others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every irreverent thought, for every untrue word, for every unkind act, for our neglect of reading your word, for our neglect of prayer, for selfishness, and for forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us and heal us, and enable us by your Holy Spirit to walk after the example of Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 55:6,7

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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 the Old Testament - Numbers 11:1-30

¹⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ¹⁷ And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. ¹⁸ And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the Lord, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt.” Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹ You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, ²⁰ but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?”’” ²¹ But Moses said, “The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!’” ²² Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?” ²³ And the Lord said to Moses, “Is the Lord's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.” ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

Anthem

O Worship the King

Handbell Choir

Reading of God’s Holy Word - Colossians 4:7-18

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. ¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

It Takes All Kinds

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Dedication

Hymn of Response*

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Our Great Savior

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles’ Creed

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Julie Snow

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