

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.

Luncheon. As we celebrate the arrival of our new Pastor Bryan Crotts and his family, we invite you to attend a catered luncheon today, following the worship service.

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.

Memorial Day. In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Stephen Robinson and Doug Cobb
Next Week: Macon Baird Donna Wolff
Counter: Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Bennett Richardson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Macon Baird
Next Week: David Newton
Elder Greeter: Today: John Robinson
Next Week: Jim Knox

Tithes and Offerings for May 10:
General Fund: \$3,054.66

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

Pentecost

May 24, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation

Worship is simply giving God the glory due His name (Psalm 29:1-2). Humans are created and redeemed to give praise to God. The congregation of God's people gathers on the Lord's Day to worship God, enjoy his blessing and to hear Him speak to us. In worship we read the Bible, sing the Bible, pray the Bible, preach the Bible and see the Bible. The purpose of the church is to put worship in reach of all people. Worship should be simple so that any follower of Christ can participate in all parts of the service in a meaningful way.

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 72:16-18

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field!

¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Hymn of Preparation* #199

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Adoration

Invocation*

Hymn of Adoration* #4

How Great Thou Art

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but do rule over me in liberty and power. No trial is as hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. We pray this in Christ's blessed Name. Amen

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon - John 10:27-29

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

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 Holy Scriptures - I John 4:7-5:5

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so

also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Chapter 5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

Anthem

John and Jane Fraser
Praise the Lord, He Never Changes

Reading of the New Testament - Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Coming, Going and Bringing
Rev. Bryan Crotts

Dedication

Hymn of Response*

#27 Tell Out, My Soul

Affirmation of Faith — Westminster Creed

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

People: I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions. I believe that God chose and ordained the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Savior of his Church. I believe that from all eternity God gave his Son a people, who will be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.

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