

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 to Guest Pulpit Ministers. Rev. Dan Layman will be preaching today, May 31. He is the associate pastor at Ambassador Presbyterian (ARP) in Apex. On Sunday, June 7, Rev. Dr. Andrew Goodman will be visiting with us to update the church on his upcoming mission work in Wales. He will also be preaching during worship as Pastor Crotts leads worship and serves the Lord's Supper. Please be sure to welcome these men as they labor in our midst.

Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, June 7 during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Ladies Bible Study. Next Bible study: Sunday, June 14 immediately after service. All women are invited.

Ladies Events. Ladies Mystery Dinner has been rescheduled. Please join us on Friday, July 10, 2015 from 6 to 8pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All ages invited & please invite friends! Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com for important information. **SAVE THIS DATE!** Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2:00pm! More information to come soon.

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.

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.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Macon Baird Donna Wolff
Next Week: Nicole Newton and _____
Counter: Today: Bennett Richardson
Next Week: Stephen Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: David Newton
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for May 24:
General Fund: \$3,857.45

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

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2015

Preparation

Silent Meditation - James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome and Announcements

Bennett Richardson

Call to Worship - Psalm 105:1-3

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Hymn of Preparation*

#52

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Adoration

Invocation*

Hymn of Adoration*

#6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

“Lord, forgive us for our selfish desire to have others serve us, and for our love of power and influence. You call us to be servants who lovingly pour out our lives for those around us. Lord, our hearts are deceitful, desperately wicked, and relentlessly self-focused. When we do honor, care for, and serve others, we secretly hope that people are watching and noticing so that our humility will be applauded and praised. As a result, our best acts of love toward others are often actually directed toward ourselves. Forgive us for this very deep sinfulness. Jesus, thank you for suffering for our prideful, glory-loving hearts, and for giving us your perfect righteousness. Thank you for choosing the cross so that we could be free from the punishment that we deserve.” (Adapted from “Prone to Wander,” by Barbara R. Duguid and Wayne Duguid Houk)

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:8-12

- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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 - Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not

stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Anthem Psalm 117 (Tune – “All Creatures of Our God and King”)

*From all that dwells below the skies,
O let Jehovah’s praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung
In ev’ry land, by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Great are the mercies of the LORD,
And truth eternal is His word;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah’s praise forevermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Reading of the New Testament - Philippians 2:1-8

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

*A Worthwhile Competition
(Text: Romans 12:10b)*

Rev. Dan Layman

Dedication

Hymn of Response*

#382

Be Thou My Vision

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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

Striken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Kay Moore (piano)
Kaitly Moore (cello)

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