

## Announcements

**Welcome.** We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. 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.

**A Word About Our Worship Service.** Greeting and Announcements: Before the service of worship begins, the congregation is made aware of opportunities to serve the church or to receive ministry. Special aspects of the worship service may be highlighted in order to help worshippers better understand why we do what we do in worship..

**Sunday Nights @ First.** Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 41.

**Men's Evening Gathering.** We will meet on May 22 at Panera Bread at 7 PM for food and fellowship as we continue our study of *18 Words*, chapter 3.

**Young at Heart.** Please plan to join us on May 23 for our luncheon at 11:45. The menu will be lasagna and salad. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert. More details to come on the program.

**Sunday Simple Supper.** May 28 after the evening service. Please bring salad bar items such as lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, as well as cheese and other toppings.

**Missions Sunday & Congregational Lunch.** Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4. Rev. Josh Grimm, along with his wife Ashely and son Isaac will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Grimm will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about campus ministry at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. They serve through Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's (ARP) partnership with the Presbyterian Church in America's (PCA) Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). Please bring a salad and dessert. Main dish provided.

**Save The Date!** August 15th is First ARP night at the Burlington Royals Baseball Game! Tickets are \$6! Also, let Bryan know if you would like to participate in a group to sing the National Anthem--any age!

## Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Vicki McPherson  
Next Week: Kathy and Laurie Isley  
Counter: Today: Larry Isley  
Next Week: Glenn Owens  
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Glenn Owens

### Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund \$7,753.25  
Love Offering/Missions \$ 1,095.00

## The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Crotts  
Vice Moderator: Jay Snow  
Clerk: John Robinson

2017: Bill Haynes  
2018: John Robinson  
Jay Snow  
2019: Ferald Mann

*Elders Emeritus:*  
Jim Knox  
Gene Parks

## The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens, 2018  
Vice Chairman: Larry Isley, 2019  
Secretary: Stephen Robinson, 2017

## Congregational Officers

Trustees: Steve Kyaw, Jim Knox, Gene Parks, Ferald Mann  
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington  
Congregational Secretary: John Robinson  
Congregational Chairman: James Constable

## Church Staff

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“In humility count others more  
significant than yourselves.”  
Philippians 2:3

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**The Lord's Day  
May 14, 2017**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**Greeting of the Saints** *The Congregation & Visitors*

**Prelude** Handbell Choir  
*Fanfare*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**Votum** Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**Salutation** Revelation 1:4-5

**Call to Worship\*** Psalm 148

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#9 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**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!

## Song of Praise\*

#73

Thou Art Worthy

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature: prone to evil, slothful in good. From that nature a multitude of shortcomings and offenses has resulted. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us because we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon** Acts 10:38 & 43

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name every one who believes in Him has received forgiveness of sins.”

## Hymn of Redemption\*

#508

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

## Presentation of New Members

Sandra Johnson  
Denise Hummer

## Hymn of Christian Fellowship

#283

We Are God's People

## Reading of the Old Testament

Ruth 2:1-23

## Pastoral Prayer 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.*

## The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

## Offertory/Anthem

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Handbell Choir

## Psalm of Praise\*

#625

Doxology

## Reading of the New Testament

Philippians 2:1-4

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of God's Word

*Living By Christian Common-Sense*

Rev. Bryan Crotts

## Prayer to Seal God's Word

## Hymn of Commitment

#390

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

## Benediction\*

## Postlude

*Ed Limon*

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## Sermon Notes

\* Congregation Standing