

## 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:** Pastoral Prayer

*God's people spend time privately and corporately praying to God for things concerning the needs of the congregation, the mission of the local church, the advance of God's kingdom and the needs of those supported by the church to fulfill the Great Commission. Prayers are also made for all people, governing authorities, our enemies and those in need of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The Lord's Supper.** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, September 3, during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

**Sunday Nights @ First** Join us tonight at 6 P.M. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word as we study Matthew 5:7—blessed are the merciful. **Sunday Simple Supper** of sandwich fixings will follow the Sunday Night Service.

**Choir** practice is at 5 P.M. today.

**Deacons** next meet at 7 P.M. on August 28.

**Handbell Choir** resumes practice on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 P.M.

**Cat Kids** meets again on September 6 & 13 at **5:30 P.M.** at the church building.

**Men's Gatherings** for September are on the 11th at 12 noon & 7 P.M. to discuss chapter 7 of *18 Words*: "Grace".

**Ladies Evening Book Study** is September 12 at 7 P.M. Pick up copies of *Idols of the Heart* from Pastor Crotts.

**Ladies Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, September 13 at 11 A.M. at the church building.

**The Session of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is calling a Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 9:30 A.M., for the purpose of informing the congregation regarding the mission, values and vision of the church leadership and engaging all of us in the work of the church as it seeks to accomplish her mission. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for this important event. Breakfast food and drinks will be provided.

**Save the Date!** HOMECOMING is Sunday, September 24. Join us for a congregational lunch to reminisce and look ahead. Ham & turkey will be provided; the congregation is asked to bring fall sides and desserts.

**Save the Date!** Saturday, September 30 at 4 P.M., you are invited to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes in the Fellowship Hall. **DONATIONS FOR THIS PACKING EVENT DUE SEPTEMBER 3.** (Personally packed shoeboxes can still be turned in at a later date.)

**Save the Date!** First ARP's Fall Festival is Saturday, October 14 at 4 P.M. Join us for bbq and fixins, games and bluegrass music with special guest, Dewey Brown.

**Save the Date!** Piedmont Rescue Mission Fundraiser Banquet is October 19 at the Nations Agents Alliance Building, 1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, at 6 P.M. *R.S.V.P.* to Glenn Owens.

	Ministry Information		
	NURSERY	COUNTER	DEACON ON DUTY
<b>Today</b>	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Jay Snow	Stephen Robinson
<b>Next Week</b>	Laurene Howington & Donna Wolff	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens

Tithes and Offerings on August 20, 2017  
General Fund \$2,225.25

## THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### HEALTH & STRENGTH & OTHER NEEDS:

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's)

Macon Baird (recovering from throat cancer surgery; praise the Lord, no radiation)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Jean Cathey (recovering from eye surgery)

Foy Evans moved on August 19 to Elon; suitable employment for daughter, Justine

Ben Gregory (praise the Lord—passed CPA exam)

Sarah Gilmore (Jack Snow's finance's mother, major surgery & recovery)

David Huffman (recovering from detached retina repair surgery)

Lola Knox (healing from cancer)

Betty Mann (irregular heartbeat; praise the Lord for successful procedure)

Ferald Mann (relief from pain)

Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)

Becky Sneed (broken arm)

Audrey Turner (strength)

Donna Wolffe (broken wrist)

Cindy Wright (healing from new infection, strength, healing with R.A.)

**Lift up our Deacons as they serve the body of Christ in stewardship of our facility, material needs and support for all ministry events.**

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, George McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene Parks, Mae Wilburn, Al Wright

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Lynn & Ed Limon

RETURNING STUDENTS, TEACHERS

EMERGENCY WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES:

Ask for God to grant wisdom for those who serve in seats of authority: parents, earthly masters, governors, judges and officers of the law.

Josh Limon, stateside;

Steven Mendiola, Middle East (wife, Maggie, Baby Aleighana, born on 8/16)

LOCAL CHURCH: Ambassador Presbyterian, Apex, NC

Pastor Warren Harvey & Dan Layman

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Siloam Missionary Homes

MISSIONARIES: Rebekah Carson, World Witness, ARP Missionary to Germany

Andrew & Norene Brunson in Turkey; pray for his release from prison

A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: [The ARP Magazine](#)

### 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

### DIACONATE

Chairman: Glenn Owens, 2018

Vice Chairman: Larry Isley, 2019

Secretary: Stephen Robinson, 2017

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Trustees: Steve Kyaw, Jim Knox,  
Ferald Mann, Gene Parks

Treasurer: Laurene Howington

Secretary: John Robinson

Chairman: James Constable

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“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14, *ESV*

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## THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 27, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP  
11 o'clock

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**Votum** Psalm 124:8, *ESV*

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

**Salutation** Revelation 1:4-5, *ESV*

**Call to Worship\*** Psalm 145, *ESV*

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
No. 18 *Come, We That Love the Lord* ST. THOMAS

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**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.*

**Song of Praise\***  
No. 623 *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

*Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, that we  
have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; against your holy law  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you  
with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. We have  
been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the  
mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. We confess to you, Lord, all  
our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, Have  
mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Silent Prayers of Personal Confession**

**The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon** Titus 3:5-7  
“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various  
passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and  
hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our  
Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,  
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of  
the Holy Spirit.”

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
No. 584 *It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises* ELLESDIE

**Reading of the New Testament** Romans 7:15-25, *ESV*

**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**

**Hymn of Praise\***  
No. 625 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Reading of the Holy Scripture** Philippians 3:12-16, *ESV*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Preaching of God's Holy Word** Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*Onward and Upward*

**Prayer to Seal God's Word**

**Hymn of Commitment\***  
No. 556 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

EVENING WORSHIP  
6 o'clock

”It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.” Psalm 92:1-2

**Prelude** Julie Snow

**Readings from God's Holy Word** Exodus 34:1-9, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

**Opening Hymn\***  
Insert *Alive in Christ* SOLA GRATIA

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**The Belgic Confession (1561)** Article 6

The Difference Between the Canonical and Apocryphal Books  
*We distinguish those sacred books from the apocryphal, namely: the third book of  
Esdras, the books of Tobias, Judith, Wisdom, Jesus Syrach, Baruch, the appendix  
to the book of Esther, the Song of the three Children in the Furnace, the history of  
Susannah, of Bell and the Dragon, the prayer of Manasses, and the two books of  
the Maccabees. All of which the Church may read and take instruction from, so  
far as they agree with the canonical books; but they are far from having such  
power and efficacy, as that we may from their testimony confirm any point of  
faith, or of the christian religion; much less detract from the authority of the  
other sacred books.*

**Prayers of the Congregation**  
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

**The Beatitudes** Matthew 5:7 Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*Blessed Are the Merciful*

**Prayer**

**Closing Hymn\***  
Insert *How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great* SPRUCE STREET

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**Sermon Notes**

\* Congregation Standing