

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: Tithes and Offerings
God asks that His tithes be given for the ongoing worship, work and ministry of the church. Out of the abundance of what God has given to us, above our regular tithes, we also present offerings to God as a sign of gratitude for His gracious actions toward us.

Sunday Nights @ First Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word as we study Matthew 5:9—blessed are the peacemakers .

Choir practice is at 5 P.M today.

Cat Kids meets again on September 13 at 6:30 P.M. at the church building. School age children and their parents are invited to learn the *Westminster Shorter Catechisms* with Pastor Crotts. Stay after the lesson for games and a treat!

Handbell Choir practices on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 P.M.

Men's Gatherings for September are on the 11th at 12 noon at *Southbound Sandwich Works*, & at 7 P.M. at *Panera Bread*, to discuss chapter 7, "Grace" of *18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know*.

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. We will be studying *Living in the Gap Between Promise & Reality The Gospel According to Abraham*, by Iain Duguid.

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.

TABLE TALK for 20's & 30's meets on Tuesday, September 19 at 7 PM.

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. (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. Invite a friend!

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.

Check out First ARP's Facebook page for updates and photos of events and information. <https://www.facebook.com/FirstARPBurlington>

Ministry Information			
	NURSERY	COUNTER	DEACON ON DUTY
Today	Fran Haynes & John Robinson	Bill Haynes	Glenn Owens
Next Week	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Jay Snow	Larry Isley

Tithes and Offerings on September 3, 2017

General Fund \$6,914.88

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's)
Macon Baird (recovering from throat cancer surgery; praise the Lord, no radiation)
Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)
Sarah Gilmore (Jack Snow's finance's mother recovery from major surgery)
Elizabeth—Denise Hummer's mother (health)
Lola Knox (healing from cancer, regaining of strength after treatments)
Steve Kyaw (bladder tumor, surgery on September 11)
Mike Limon (Ed Limon's brother, recovering from open heart surgery)
Ferald Mann (recovering from surgery)
Margaret Owens (balance)
Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)
Mary Renegar (COPD, breathing difficulties)
Justine Robare (Foy Evan's daughter, employment in this area)
Christine Roberts (Ed Limon's sister, adjustment to assisted living home & alzheimers)
Becky Sneed (broken arm)
Audrey Turner (procedure; pray for good results)
Donna Wolffe (broken wrist)
Cindy Wright (healing from new infection, strength with & healing from R.A.)
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: George McKinney
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: Covenant of Grace (ARP), Greensboro, NC
Pastor David Smith
MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT:
(local) Ministry to Visiting Professors from China, Rev. Stephen Crotts
(regional): ARP Minister Chaplain (CPT) Leon Buchannan, Grafenwoehr, Germany
MISSIONARIES: Lisa & Jeff King & children serving in Spain
Andrew & Norene Brunson in Turkey; pray for his release from prison
A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: Moderator of General Synod Rev. Lee Shellnutt

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
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Secretary: John Robinson
Chairman: James Constable

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“I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. “
Philippians 4:2-3, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, September 10, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
11 o'clock

Greeting of the Saints The Congregation & Visitors

Prelude Julie Snow

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 99, *ESV*

Hymn of Adoration*
No. 227 *Thine Is the Glory* MACCABEUS

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith *Westminster Confession of Faith* 23.1 & 4

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute or other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted, much less hath the pope any power and jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and, least of all, to deprive them of their dominions, or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretense whatsoever.

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

Song of Praise*
No. 72 *We Will Glorify* WE WILL GLORIFY

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Heavenly Father, you have clearly told us in your Word that you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and chosen us in Him before you even created the world, to be holy and blameless in your sight. We are thankful for our high position in Christ. But we confess to you that we have failed to live up to the holy and blameless position. We have sinned daily against your divine majesty by thought, word and deed. We confess that our sins are the reason Jesus suffered and died. Forgive us for our manifold sins against you and cause us to grow into the person you created each of us to be by the power of your blessed Holy Spirit.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Proverbs 28:13
“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain compassion.”

Hymn of Redemption*
No. 211 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* EBENEZER

Reading of the Old Testament Proverbs 15:1-33, *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 *O, Lord Most Holy* Choir

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

Reading of the New Testament Philippians 4:2-4, *ESV*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Holy Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Like-Minded Christians

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
No. 489 *Rejoice in the Lord Always* REJOICE

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 Jeremiah 6, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

Opening Hymn*
No. 487 *Peace, Perfect Peace* PAX TECUM

The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 8

That God is one in Essence, yet nevertheless distinguished in three Persons

According to this truth and this Word of God, we believe in one only God, who is the one single essence, in which are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct, according to their incommunicable properties; namely, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Father is the cause, origin and beginning of all things visible and invisible; the Son is the word, wisdom, and image of the Father; the Holy Ghost is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. Nevertheless God is not by this distinction divided into three, since the Holy Scriptures teach us, that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, have each his personality, distinguished by their properties; but in such wise that these three persons are but one only God. Hence then, it is evident, that the Father is not the Son, nor the Son the Father, and likewise the Holy Ghost is neither the Father nor the Son. Nevertheless these persons thus distinguished are not divided, nor intermixed: for the Father has not assumed the flesh, nor has the Holy Ghost, but the Son only. The Father has never been without his Son, or without his Holy Ghost. For they are all three coeternal and co-essential. There is neither first nor last: for they are all three one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy.

Prayers of the Congregation
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

The Beatitudes Matthew 5:9 Rev. Bryan Crotts

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Prayer

Closing Hymn*
No. 494 *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing