

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: Hymn of Praise
The Doxology is simply a "hymn of praise." In the hymn, we acknowledge the greatness of the triune God and His gracious provision of all things for us. We sing this after we offer God the first fruits of our labors, our financial tithes and offerings.

HOME COMING 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.

Sunday Nights @ First Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word as we study Psalm 51.

Choir practice is at 5 P.M today.

Young at Heart is Tuesday, September 26 at 11:45 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is potluck! Don Bolden, Editor Emeritus of the *Times-News* will be our speaker.

Ladies' Bible Study is Wednesday, September 27 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.

Handbell Choir practice resumes Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 P.M.

On Saturday, September 30 at 4 P.M., you are invited to pack **Operation Christmas Child** boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

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 by using the invitation at the Sanctuary doors!

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.

Visit 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	Vicki McPherson & Joyce Payne	Glenn Owens	Glenn Owens
Next Week	Macon Baird & Fran Haynes	John Robinson	Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings on September 17, 2017

General Fund \$3,993.16

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

That we'd be salt & light in our spheres of influence as we go about our daily lives in our community.

Connie Bennett (Parkinson's, hip pain)

Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)

Foy Evans (weakness)

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

Lola Knox (regaining strength after cancer treatments, knee inflammation)

Jim Knox (stroke recovery)

Steve Kyaw (recovery from surgery)

Ferald Mann (recovering well from surgery)

Margaret Owens (balance, recovery from dental surgery)

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 (strength)

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: Vicki & Tom McPherson, son Clay

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, job search;

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

LOCAL CHURCH: First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Durham,

Pastor Kent Butterfield

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Allied Churches

(regional): Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA)

MISSIONARIES: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan)

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

A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: Central Services, the agency of Executive Board of General Synod-supports & encourages churches, pastors, agencies, and boards of the A. R. P. Church.

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,

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Secretary: John Robinson

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“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”
 Colossians 3:15, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY
 Sunday, September 24, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
11 o'clock

Greeting of the Saints The Congregation & Visitors

Prelude Ed Limon

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 103, *ESV*

Hymn of Adoration*
No. 277 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith *Westminster Shorter Catechism* 1-3

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. *Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.*

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. *The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.*

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. *The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

Song of Praise*
No. 74 *Majesty* MAJESTY

Corporate Confession of Sin

O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sin against you our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Deuteronomy 4:31

“For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

Hymn of Redemption*
No. 506 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* MY REDEEMER

Reading of the Old Testament Zechariah 3:1-10, *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 *Fly Away Medley* Choir

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

Reading of the New Testament Colossians 3:12-17, *ESV*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Holy Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
New Life in the New Covenant Community

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
No. 462 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

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

Reading from God's Holy Word 2 Samuel 12, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

Opening Hymn*
No. 419 *Abide With Me* EVENTIDE

The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 10
That Jesus Christ is true and eternal God

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made nor created (for then he should be a creature), but co-essential and coeternal with the Father; the express image of his person, and the brightness of his glory, equal unto him in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that he assumed our nature, but from all eternity, as these testimonies, when compared together, teach us. Moses says, that God created the world; and John says, that all things were made by that Word, which he calls God. And the apostle says, that God made the worlds by his Son; likewise, that God created all things by Jesus Christ. Therefore it must needs follow, that he, who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time, when all things were created by him. Therefore the prophet Micah says, His goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. And the apostle: He has neither beginning of days, nor end of life. He therefore is that true, eternal, and almighty God, whom we invoke, worship and serve.

Prayers of the Congregation
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

The Psalms Psalm 51 Rev. Bryan Crotts

Prayer

Closing Hymn*
No. 404 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing