

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: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
In the Lord's Supper, we are fed by the Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. Christ reminds us of His work of redemption for us—that he obeyed and suffered in our place. He reminds us of his ongoing work in our lives now. And we are reminded that His promise of full communion with Him in eternity is indeed true. The Lord's Supper is for those who have trusted in Christ as he is freely offered in the Gospel and have united with his body, the church. If you are not resting in Christ alone for your salvation, please let the bread and cup pass by. Ask God to make himself real to you and consider your need of Christ to forgive your sins.

Sunday Nights @ First Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word as we study Matthew 5:8—blessed are the pure in heart.

Choir practice is at 5 P.M today.

Cat Kids meets again on September 6 & 13 at **5:30 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 resumes practice on Wednesday, September 6 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. **DONATIONS FOR THIS PACKING EVENT DUE TODAY!** (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.

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	Vicki McPherson	Ferald Mann	Glenn Owens
Next Week	Fran Haynes & John Robinson	Jay Snow	Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings on August 27, 2017

General Fund ~\$3,645.70 & Love Offering~\$150

Honorarium was given for Audrey Turner by Burlington Women's Club

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 fiancée's mother recovery from major surgery)

Elizabeth—Denise Hummer's mother (health)

Lola Knox (healing from cancer, regaining of strength after treatments)

Mike Limon (Ed Limon's brother, recovering from open heart surgery)

Ferald Mann (surgery September 5)

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.)

Ask the Lord to raise future deacons, elders, ministers, missionaries

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: June Little

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: Grace Hill Church (ARP), Pastor Ross Durham

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Christian Adventurers Youth Ministry,
(regional) Terry Creech & Mark McKinney

ARP Chaplain (CPT) Mike Basie, Vicenza, Italy

MISSIONARIES: —that the name of Jesus would be faithfully preached across all lands

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

A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: World Witness and all fronts/leaders, Alex Pettett

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

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“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 3, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP
11 o'clock

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 96, *ESV*

Hymn of Adoration*
No. 2 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Hebrews 1 and Philippians 2
"I believe that in the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."

"I believe that Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise*
No. 30 *How Majestic is Your Name* HOW MAJESTIC

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but do rule over me in liberty and power. No trial is as hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you and running the race. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. We pray this in Christ's blessed Name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Romans 6:5-6
“For if we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Hymn of Redemption*
Insert *How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great* SPRUCE STREET

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Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 73, *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 *We Give Thanks O Lord* choir

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

Reading of the New Testament Philippians 3:17-4:1, *ESV*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Holy Word Rev. Bryan Crotts

The Good, The Bad, and The Glorious

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Hymn of Commitment*
No. 321 *According to Thy Gracious Word* MANOAH

Benediction*

Postlude

**The Lord's Supper will be administered today as part of our morning worship service and is for those who have been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, have publicly professed their faith in Christ, and are members of an evangelical church. Children who have not yet made a profession of faith and united with the church should refrain from taking the elements.

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 Psalm 24, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

Opening Hymn*
No. 562 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 7

The sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures, to be the only rule of faith.
We believe that those Holy Scriptures fully contain the will of God, and that whatsoever man ought to believe, unto salvation, is sufficiently taught therein. For, since the whole manner of worship, which God requires of us, is written in them at large, it is unlawful for any one, though an apostle, to teach otherwise than we are now taught in the Holy Scriptures: nay, though it were an angel from heaven, as the apostle Paul says. For, since it is forbidden, to add unto or take away anything from the word of God, it does thereby evidently appear, that the doctrine thereof is most perfect and complete in all respects. Neither do we consider of equal value any writing of men, however holy these men may have been, with those divine Scriptures, nor ought we to consider custom, or the great multitude, or antiquity, or succession of times and persons, or councils, decrees or statutes, as of equal value with the truth of God, for the truth is above all; for all men are of themselves liars, and more vain than vanity itself. Therefore, we reject with all our hearts, whatsoever does not agree with this infallible rule, which the apostles have taught us, saying, Try the spirits whether they are of God. Likewise, if there come any unto you; and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house.

Prayers of the Congregation
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

The Beatitudes Matthew 5:8 Rev. Bryan Crotts

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Prayer

Closing Hymn*
Insert *'Round the Throne in Radiant Glory* QADOSH

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Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing