

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: Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon
As a people who continue to sin in this life we become fully aware, especially in the presence of God, of our great guilt and therefore we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ alone for the ground of our salvation. In worship we do this both privately and corporately. Those truly repentant in faith receive the forgiveness of God.

Sunday Nights @ First Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God’s Word as we study Psalm 55.

Choir practice is at 5 P.M today.

Young at Heart meets on Tuesday, October 24 at 11:45 A.M. Hear *The Reformation* by Pastor Crotts. Ham loaf and tossed salad provided. Please bring sides and desserts.

Table Talk meets again on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 P.M. at the Crotts’ home.

Ladies’ Bible Study is Wednesday, October 25 at 11 A.M. at the church building. We will be studying chapter 5 of *Living in the Gap Between Promise & Reality The Gospel According to Abraham*, by Iain Duguid.

Cat Kids meet on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 P.M.

Handbell Choir practice is Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 P.M.

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing & Social is Sunday, October 29 at 6 P.M!
 Ham, macaroni & cheese, salad, tea, lemonade provided! Please bring desserts to share.

The Session of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a **Town Hall Meeting** during the Sunday School Hour on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at 9:45 A.M. The purpose will be to discuss with the congregation our opportunities for ministry in the coming years!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due Sunday, November 20. The goal is 120 boxes. It’s not too late to donate and have a box created for you. Also, if you would like to volunteer at the Charlotte Processing Center on Saturday, November 25 from 12 noon-6 P.M., speak with Joyce Payne, (336) 222-1133. (You can work in 3 hour increments.)

SAVE THE DATES:
 Sunday, November 12 Town Hall Meeting - 9:45 A.M.
 Saturday, November 25, Hanging of the Greens - 9 A.M.
 (Breakfast provided)
 Saturday, November 25, Operation Christmas Child - 2-6 P.M.
 Wednesday, November 29, *Lessons & Carols Rehearsal* - 6 P.M.
 (Supper provided)
 Sunday, December 3, *Lessons & Carols* - 6 P.M. (Reception to follow)
 Sunday, December 17, Christmas Caroling & Treat Bag Delivery - 6 P.M.
 (cookies & hot chocolate to follow)

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

	NURSERY	Ministry Information COUNTER	DEACON ON DUTY
Today	Kathy & Laurie Isley	Glenn Owens	Stephen Robinson
Next Week	Joyce Payne & Fran Haynes	Larry Isley	Larry Isley

Tithes and Offerings on October 15, 2017
 General Fund \$3,242.13

THE PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ask God to grant our Church Elders, Deacons, Staff, & Volunteers blessings, wisdom and desire to serve Biblically.

- Connie Bennett (Parkinson’s, hip pain)
- Theo Baulding (relief from hip pain)
- Mandy Crotts’ cousin, Wendy Miller (recovery from shoulder replacement due to R.A.)
- Foy Evans (vertigo)
- Anne Garner’s grandson, Tyler Philipps (chemotherapy for cancer)
- Sarah Gilmore (Jack Snow’s finance’s mother major surgery recovery)
- Fran & Bill Haynes’ neighbor (cancer, faith in Christ)
- Lola Knox (regaining strength after cancer treatments, scan results)
- Jim Knox (stroke recovery, improved care, night sitters, strength for family)
- Steve Kyaw (second surgery to remove cancer Monday, October 16)
- Ferald Mann (continual progress from surgery)
- Grady Pack (oxygen levels return to normal & stabilize)
- Mary Renegar (COPD, breathing difficulties)
- Scott Robar & family
- Justine Robare, Foy Evans’ daughter, (to find suitable employment locally)
- Christina Roberts (Ed Limon’s sister, adjustment to assisted living home & alzheimers)
- Jill Roy (recovery from foot surgery)
- Becky Sneed (broken arm)
- Jondeen Terry (knee replacement surgery Tuesday, October 17)
- Cynthia Ward’s son Mike
- Donna Wolffe (broken wrist)
- Cindy Wright (strength with & healing from R.A.)
- Campus Outreach serving Elon students, Isaac Sasser & Peter Perkins; expansion to FL
- 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
- Young adults & singles (good relationships, contentment)
- FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Pat Montgomery
- 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: Adams Farm Community Church (A.R.P.), Jamestown, Rev. Brian Howard
- MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: (local) Piedmont Rescue Mission
 (regional) First Presbytery Church Extension
- MISSIONARIES: MT3—Mobile Theological Training Team (from ARP’s World Witness)
 Andrew & Norene Brunson in Turkey; pray for his release from prison
- A.R.P. CHURCH MINISTRIES: Christian Education Ministries

SESSION	CHURCH STAFF
Moderator: Rev. Bryan Crotts	Pastor: Rev. Bryan Crotts pastor@firstarpburlington.org (336) 944-2892
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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	



“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”
 Philippians 4:23, *ESV*

THE LORD’S DAY
 Sunday, October 22, 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 96, *ESV*

Hymn of Adoration*
№ 27 *Tell Out, My Soul* WOODLANDS

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Creed

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: *I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions. I believe that God chose and ordained the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Savior of his Church. I believe that from all eternity God gave his Son a people, who will be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.*

Unison: *Thanks be to God!*

Song of Praise*
№ 623 *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by your Spirit to live to honor and to serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us that we might become like him. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 57:15, *ESV*
“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

Hymn of Redemption*
№ 202 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE C.M.

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 67, *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 *And Can It Be* Choir

Hymn of Praise*
№ 625 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Reading of the New Testament Philippians 4:21-23, *ESV*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Holy Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Hello and Goodbye

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
№ 283 *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

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 Luke 22:39-53, *ESV* Rev. Bryan Crotts

Opening Hymn*
№. 598 *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* CAST THY BURDEN

The Belgic Confession (1561) Article 14

Of the Creation and Fall of man,
and his Incapacity to perform what is truly good

We believe that God created man out of the dust of the earth, and made and formed him after his own image and likeness, good, righteous, and holy, capable in all things to will, agreeably to the will of God. But being in honour, he understood it not, neither knew his excellency, but willfully subjected himself to sin, and consequently to death, and the curse, giving ear to the words of the devil. For the commandment of life, which he had received, he transgressed; and by sin separated himself from God, who was his true life, having corrupted his whole nature; whereby he made himself liable to corporal and spiritual death. And being thus become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all his ways, he has lost all his excellent gifts, which he had received from God, and only retained a few remains thereof, which, however, are sufficient to leave man without excuse; for all the light which is in us is changed into darkness, as the Scriptures teach us, saying: The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not: where St. John calls men darkness. Therefore we reject all that is taught repugnant to this, concerning the free will of man, since man is but a slave to sin, and has nothing of himself, unless it is given from heaven. For who may presume to boast, that he of himself can do any good, since Christ says, No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him? Who will glory in his own will, who understands, that to be carnally minded is enmity against God? Who can speak of his knowledge, since the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God? In short, who dare suggest any thought, since he knows that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but that our sufficiency is of God? And therefore what the apostle says ought justly to be held sure and firm, that God worketh in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure. For there is no will nor understanding, conformable to the divine will and understanding, but that Christ has wrought in man; which he teaches us, when he says, Without me ye can do nothing.

Prayers of the Congregation
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Thanksgiving ~ Supplication

The Psalms Psalm 55 Rev. Bryan Crotts

Prayer

Closing Hymn*
№ 601 *Lord, Dismiss us With Thy Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing