



First Associate Reformed PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming family of Reformed believers committed to the historic Christian faith and life.

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EVENTS

MARCH

13, 20, & 27 Ladies Bible Study—11 AM
WCF, Lesson 5, 6, & 7

13, & 20 Handbell Choir Rehearsal—
6:30 PM

13 Cat Kids—6:30 PM

16 Grace Presbytery Spring Stated
Meeting, Adam's Farm, Jamestown

17 Sunday School & **NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**—9:45 AM, Morning Worship—11
AM, **TOWN HALL MEETING**—12:05
PM, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening
Worship—6 PM

18 Stated Session & Deacon Meeting—
10 AM

23 Homebound Members Visits & Gift
Bag Delivery—2 PM

24 Sunday School & **NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**—9:45 AM, Morning Worship—11
AM, Choir Rehearsal—5 PM, Evening
Worship—6 PM

26 Young at Heart—11:45 AM,
Fellowship Hall

APRIL

10 Holy Week Service—6 PM

14 Holy Week Service—6 PM

21 Easter Sunday Breakfast—9:45 AM

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

A teacher of mine has an excellent “test” question that he asks former students of ministry when he sees them after graduation. It is a clever question, one that reveals something significant about the person’s ministry. The question is this: “What are you preaching on Sunday nights?”

The reason this is a good “test” question is because, historically speaking, a strong mark of a healthy church is morning and evening preaching every Sunday. We read in Acts that the early church met often to eat, pray, and hear from the Apostles as they taught the Word of God. Through the Christian centuries and especially after the Reformation, God’s folks have gathered in the Lord’s house often to hear the Scriptures read, taught, and preached.

One of the compelling reasons for accepting a call to this church that the Elders gave me when I looked at coming to be the pastor was that they wanted to begin a Sunday evening service. They saw the benefit of having the service for the long-term health and growth of the church. It was also a “deal-breaker” for me - I did not want to be a pastor in a church with no evening service.

Why do I say all of this? Well, I want to encourage you to think about making room in your Lord’s Day for Evening Worship. It will benefit you greatly as you seek to grow in grace, find encouragement from the Scriptures, worship the Lord for his glory, and knit your hearts with others who are making the pilgrim way to heaven.

The Lord has called his people to worship him in the morning and in the night. (see Psalm 92). We may do that daily as we rise and think on Him and as we retire for the night, we also think on Him. Most church liturgies through the centuries have included morning and evening orders of worship for Sundays. It seems ingrained into the Christian way of life from of old and down through recent history.

Busy lifestyles have pulled church from many of our schedules. Let me encourage you to take back the time and give it to the Lord. You will be glad that you have done so!

For our upcoming Sunday evening sermons series, we will be taking a break from the Psalms until we pick back up with Psalm 101 in the late summer. For the next many weeks, our study will be the book of Revelation. God seeks to encourage his church that remains in the world until Jesus comes to collect his bride. He does so by showing several visions of great realities that are meant to show the church that God is in control and that Jesus Christ will win.

I hope to see you Sunday!

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy...for the time is near.”
Revelation 1:3, ESV

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 15 Cathy Young
- 17 Lynn Robinson
- 23 Denise Hummer
- 24 Gary Gregory
- 24 Kelly Limon

APRIL

- 4 Kay Moore
- 5 Hannah Roy
- 6 James Constable
- 6 Jim Knox
- 8 Glenn Owens
- 9 Steve Kyaw
- 10 Becky Sneed
- 14 Stephen Crofts
- 14 Gene Parks
- 15 Bill Roy
- 17 Rachel Pelone
- 21 Randy Cobb
- 21 Russ Payne
- 25 Jean McKinnon

ANNIVERSARIES


APRIL

- 17 Shirley & Harold Boswell

Issues of **TABLE TALK MAGAZINE** are available at the Sanctuary entrances & on the Resource Shelf in the Fellowship Hall Wing.

For PRAYER NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION visit firstarpburlington.org & select the **Evening Bulletin**.

A TOWN HALL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17 FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP.

YOUNG AT HEART  meets Tuesday, March 26 at 11:45 A.M. The speaker will be Mr. Alex Mebane, currently the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Director for Alamance County. Please bring a dish to share for the meal!

Prospective New Members Class will meet Sundays during Sunday School March 17-April 7. This class is for those seeking church membership as well as for those desiring a review of what it means to be a church member at First ARP Burlington!

Homebound Members Visits & Gift Bag Delivery 3/23/19 2 P.M.

HOLY WEEK

LESSONS & CAROLS rehearsal
Wednesday, April 10, 6 P.M. Supper provided.

LESSONS & CAROLS
Sunday, April 14, 6 P.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 21, 9:45 A.M. Bring a breakfast treat to share.

G.F. HANDEL'S MESSIAH

MCCRARY THEATRE, ELON UNIVERSITY

APRIL 26, 2019
7:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION



LET'S SHOWER KIMBER & JOSH LIMON WITH BABY GIFTS! BABY BOY IS DUE IN APRIL. FOR GIFT IDEAS VISIT THEIR REGISTRY AT BABYLIST.COM, (includes Target, Amazon, etc) . GIFT CARDS, DIAPERS & WIPES ARE WELCOME ALSO! PLACE GIFTS IN THE GIFT BASKET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

 **Easter Flower donations may be made for God's glory & in memory or in honor of loved ones now through April 7. The flowers will be on display Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday as well as the name acknowledged in a special bulletin insert.**

Stewardship Snapshot:

Tithes and Offerings - 3/10/19 \$3,950.93
 YTD 2019 Giving - \$38,868.88
 10-Week Average - \$3,886.89
 Weekly 2019 Budget Needs \$4,385
 Legacy Fund Balance - \$133,525

	NURSERY	COUNTERS	OFFICER ON DUTY
March 17	Mandy Crofts & Macon Baird	Bill Haynes, Jay Snow	Bryan Crofts
March 24	Carol Erb & Jondeen Terry		James Constable

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