

Announcements

Welcome. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, 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. Thank you.

Thank you! We would like to express our grateful appreciation to the Board of Deacons for coordinating a very successful Homecoming celebration. Also, a special thanks to Mary Jane and Doug Glass for using their special gift in decorating and supervising the bountiful meal. The event was highlighted by having our former pastor Tim Robinson and his wife Lynn participating. It was a blessing for all who attended.

Gideon Sunday. Today Alfred Whitlow is our guest speaker from Gideons International. Our Gideons will be at the entrances of the sanctuary at the close of the service. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this ministry as they faithfully distribute God's Word throughout the world. **Checks should be made payable to Gideons International.**

Young At Heart. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 28th with the meal being a covered dish. We will hear from Tammy Honeycutt and Christina Gile from Alamance Pregnancy Services. They will tell us about this vital ministry in our community. Foy Evans will coordinate the meetings for December and January.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers. Thank you to Ed and Lynn Limon who have volunteered to deliver meals December 22 and 23, and we may have a volunteer for January 20, 2015. However the ongoing need is for more volunteers, even in the capacity of a substitute. Will you consider this ministry?

Operation Christmas Child. It's that time again! Please consider filling a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. These boxes will be shipped to many different countries to bring joy and smiles to underprivileged children around the world. Brochures are available at the entrances of the sanctuary. It's not too soon to start buying items and preparing the boxes. We need donations too, to help offset the cost of shipping. The cost is \$7.00 per box. Boxes should be turned in by November 9th.

Upcoming Business Items. Please submit your nominations for church officers, which includes elders, deacons, trustees, treasurer and congregational chairperson to one of the elders. Please pray as we consider the upcoming events of Officer Elections and Budget Approval. The dates will be announced soon.

First Presbyterian ARP Women's Ministries Retreat. November 7-8, 2014. Our very own Dot Hutelmyer will be the speaker. This will be a great time to get away and relax while getting to know each other better. Please plan to join us! If you RSVP we can work on room arrangements and travel together. Please let Jessica Richardson know at 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Gideon Sunday
November 2 - Dr. Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Karen Jones and Chelle Spencer
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Macon Baird

Counter:

Today: Jim Knox
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Deacon on Duty

Today: David Newton
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for October 19:

General Fund \$ 4,640.52

The Session

Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens
Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal
Secretary: Doug Glass

2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton, Tim Bessette

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

Church Staff

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation -

“Above all, we must help people know God better. Too many answers we give are merely intellectual, merely theoretical, merely propositional. We must so teach and counsel and pray with people that we deepen their experiential knowledge of God. We must so get them into meditative and rigorous readings of the Word of God that they draw vast comfort from its pages. At the deepest level, men and women must learn, its pages. At the deepest level, men and women must learn, with Job, that God is very great, and it is an inexpressible privilege to know Him, to be satisfied with Him, even when-especially when!-we do not have all the answers. Then men and women will learn to rest in His Love, and will return again and again to the cross, where their vision of that love will be constantly renewed.”

—How Long, O Lord?, D. A. Carson

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 54 (Responsive Reading)

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.
I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

* Hymn of Preparation
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Victory in Jesus

Hartford

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
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Rock of Ages

Top Lady

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession - Romans 10:9-13

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclamation

Missions Moment

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Minister The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem In The Presence of Jehovah *One Voice*

New Testament Reading - Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Gideon Message Mr. Alfred Whitlow

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
345 Blessed Assurance *Assurance*

Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Prayer of Intercession 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *One Voice*
You Raise Me Up

* Doxology
*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Closing Prayer

Postlude