

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! The Alamance West Gideons Camp would like to thank the congregation of First ARP for their very generous contributions last Sunday. \$762.00 was collected, which will pay for 152 Bibles or 564 New Testaments.

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.

Operation Christmas Child. 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. 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.

Young At Heart. Foy Evans will coordinate the meetings for December and January. Due to Glenn and Margaret's ongoing family responsibilities, they do not plan to continue coordinating this ministry in 2015. Please talk to one of the elders if you are interested in being involved in continuing this ministry.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers. Thank you to Ed and Lynn Limon who have volunteered to deliver meals December 22 and 23. Bill and Fran Haynes have volunteered for January 20, 2015. Glenn and Margaret will not be able to continue delivering meals for First ARP in 2015.

Upcoming Business Items. The Congregational Meeting to elect officers and approve the 2015 budget is scheduled for December 7th.

Ladies Christmas Party. On Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm we will meet at Mosca's downtown Burlington. We will order off the menu (plan on \$7-\$13), but we will provide a special dessert treat. A gift exchange is planned. Please bring a gift (\$10-\$15 value) if you'd like to participate. Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson by Sunday, December 5 at 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Dr. Bob Cara
November 9 - Dr. Bob Cara

Ministry Information

Nursery

Today: Nicole Newton and Macon Baird
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Connie Bennett

Counter:

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Tithes and Offerings for October 26:

General Fund \$ 2,173.00

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

Pastor:

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2014

Preparation

Silent Meditation

My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace,
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God;
'Tis His to lead me there—not mine, but His—
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road.

So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her there;
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard
Till God hath answered full my deepest prayer.

No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
No matter though the cost be oft-times great,
He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark,
The way that leads to Him must needs be strait.

One thing I know, I cannot say Him nay;
One thing I do, I press on to my Lord;
My God my glory here, from day to day,
And in the glory there my great Reward.

-F. Brook - Alt. Al Smith

Prelude

Ed Limon

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship - Psalm 78:1-4 (Responsive Reading)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

* Hymn of Preparation
18

Come, We That Love The Lord

St. Thomas

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
50

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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*** Congregation Standing**

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

* 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

Samaritan's Purse Video

Lynn Limon

New Testament Reading - John 10:14-17

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

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

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Handbell Choir

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah 13:7-9

⁷ “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the Lord of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

⁸ In the whole land, declares the Lord,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

⁹ And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people’;
and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Strike the Shepherd

Dr. Bob Cara

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
175

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Man of Sorrows

Affirmation of Faith — Scotch Confession (AD 1560)

Article 1: We confess and acknowledge only one God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust.

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

Holy Is The Lord

Handbell Choir

* 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.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude