

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 to all who donated money, gifts, and filled shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill and ship out 16 boxes and had enough extra donations to cover the needed shipping as well as send a significant donation to Samaritan's Purse!

Denominational Offering. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. You will find an insert and envelope in next week's bulletin. This offering will be collected November 23 through December 7.

Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms and envelopes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. The deadline for ordering is November 23.

Advent Season. The preparation of our church for the Advent Season involves "hanging of the greens" and decorating two Narthex trees with chrismon ornaments, and placing the poinsettia plants. Please consider lending a hand for this special occasion on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Donuts and beverages will be provided.

Young at Heart. Our Young at Heart group will have its Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food items already committed include ham and turkey breast, sweet potato casserole, fruit salad, deviled eggs, pie, bread and drinks. Still needed are vegetables, salads, and desserts. Contact Lola Knox if you have questions concerning the food. FOY EVANS will present the program.

Visiting World Witness Missionary. On December 7, during the Sunday School hour, Missionary Andy Howard will be at our church to tell us about his work with the ARP Mission Schools in Pakistan. This will take place of the regular adult classes. Please make a special effort to attend.

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.

Christmas Caroling is planned for Sunday evening, December 21 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we bring joy to some of our shut-ins. Any questions? See Ed Limon. we will provide cookies and hot chocolate after we carol.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Today - Steven Crotts
November 23 - Spencer Clifford

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Chelle Spencer and Fran Haynes
Next Week: Stephen Robinson and Isaac Spencer

Counter:

Today: David Newton
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Tithes and Offerings for November 9:

General Fund	\$4,069.00
Poinsettias	\$ 40.00

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 (2014), Gene Parks (2015), Steve Kyaw (2017)
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

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

Church Staff

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Preparation

Silent Meditation - Psalm 35:27-28

²⁷ Let those who delight in my righteousness
shout for joy and be glad

and say evermore,

"Great is the Lord,
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"

²⁸ Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.

Prelude

Julie Snow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—(Responsive Reading)

Minister Seek the LORD!

People And you shall find the LORD is seeking you.

Minister Call upon His name!

People And you shall find He has been calling you.

Minister Love the LORD!

**People And we have found that He has been loving us a long,
long time.**

**All Then let us worship Jesus The Christ with all faith and
devotion here in this very place.**

* Hymn of Preparation
97

All Hail The Power

Coronation

Adoration

* Invocation

* Hymn of Adoration
26

A Mighty Fortress

Ein'Feste Burg

* Congregation Standing

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession -

LORD God Almighty. How is it your grace in our lives has soured into self-righteousness? By what spiritual warping are we lameing the man who leaped for joy? Blinding the man Jesus gave sight? Silencing the woman at the well? How is it we leave your love letters to us unread? And why do we make the gracious koinia of your household toxic with our bickering and political under handedness? We need your mercy, LORD Jesus. We need a cleansing move of your Holy Spirit. We need to grow, to repent, to have a fresh start. So hear us now as we bow before you and each quietly confess our personal sins.....

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon -

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases. It is new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness." -Lamentations

* 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

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 50:14-21

¹⁴ And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father. ¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, ¹⁷ 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you."' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants." ¹⁹ Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? ²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Anthem Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven *One Voice*

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:26-30

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *When Bad Things Happen To God's People* Rev. Stephen Crotts

Dedication

* Hymn of Response
47 God Will Take Care of You *God Cares*

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 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*
We Thank You, Lord

* 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