

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.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Prayer of Adoration and Invocation: This prayer leads the congregation in telling God how great He is and how much we adore Him. We also ask that God would be present in our worship, that he would dwell in our midst as we worship and commune with us in a special way.

New Members Class - Summer 2015. Anyone interested in church membership at First ARP Church may attend our new members class taught by Pastor Crotts. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall during the 9:45 Sunday School hour. This class will continue through the summer months.

Ladies Mystery Dinner. Please join us for fun and fellowship on Friday, July 10, 2015 from 6 to 8pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All ages invited & please invite friends! Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com for important information.

Ladies Bible Study. All women are invited to attend the women's ministries' Bible study Sunday, July 12 in the fellowship hall. Please bring your lunch. We plan to have a shorter study time so we can come back Sunday PM for the ice cream social.

Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars for the upcoming Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social to be held on Sunday, July 12 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend time around the tables singing hymns, psalms and hearing a brief lesson on why, as Christians, we should sing. Afterwards, we will enjoy ice cream and toppings. Plan to come, enjoy fellowship, sing songs to the Lord, hear a lesson and create your grandest ice cream dish! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor.

Women's Ministries. All women are encouraged to come to a planning meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting. July 27, at 1 pm in The Patrick Room-Bonclarken. Guest Speaker, Suzanne Matthews will be speaking on "The Road to Victory." Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards.

Save The Date is Here! Cheerio! All women ages 0 and up are invited to a tea served by the men of our church on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2pm.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton
Next Week:

Counter: Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Gene Parks

Deacon on Duty: Today: Macon Baird
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for June 28:

General Fund:	\$2,272.38
Memorials (Peggy Mitchell)	\$10.00
Love Offering (Olsons)	\$600.00
Birthday Jubilee	\$156.00

Financial Report:

June Contributions:	\$15,555.30
June Expenses	\$21,016.95
YTD (June 30) Contributions	\$82,975.26
YTD (June 30) Expenses	\$97,417.04

The Session

Moderator: Bryan Crotts
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Jim Knox

2015: Jim Knox, Gene Parks
2017: Bill Haynes
2018: Bennett Richardson, John Robinson, Jay Snow

The Diaconate

Chairman: Doug Glass
V-Chairman/Secretary: David Newton

2015: Doug Glass
2016: David Newton
2017 : Macon Baird, Stephen Robinson

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Gene Parks (2015), Ferald Mann (2016),
Steve Kyaw (2017), Jim Knox (2018)
Congregational Chairperson: Dot Hutelmyer
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Jim Knox

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Jessica Richardson

Church Staff

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“Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.”

I Peter 2:13-14

**The Lord's Day
July 5, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Emily Palethorpe*

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votim Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Salutation Revelation 1:4-5

Call to Worship* Psalm 96:1-4; 10-13

Hymn of Adoration*
#228 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith
23.1 and 4

God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute or other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted, much less hath the pope any power and jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and, least of all, to deprive them of their dominions, or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretense whatsoever.

Song of Praise*
#623 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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our merciful God and heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess our great sinfulness before you, because of our sins, the sins of our magistrates, and the sins of our whole nation, to which we are in many ways accomplices. We have done what you have forbidden, and left undone what you have required of us, not only out of our ignorance and weakness, but out of our presumption: against the light of our minds, the prodding of our consciences, and the moving of your Holy Spirit, so that we have no cloak for our sins. We are grieved by our blindness of mind, hardness of heart, unbelief, impenitence, security, and lukewarmness. We have not walked with you without wavering, nor have we been as zealous of your glory and the good of others as we ought. Yet in spite of all this, we draw near to the throne of grace, encouraging ourselves with the hope of a gracious answer to our prayers, and with the confidence of the exceeding great and precious promises of mercy and grace in the new covenant. We humbly and earnestly ask you for mercy, for the free and full remission of all our sins, because of the bitter sufferings and precious merits of our Savior Jesus Christ. Our Father, we pray that you would condescend to pour out your love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, to seal within us the full assurance of our pardon and reconciliation, to comfort all who mourn in Zion, to speak peace to the wounded and troubled spirit, and bind up the broken-hearted, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from The Directory for the Public Worship of God by the Westminster Assembly (1645))

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:11-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hymn of Confidence*
573 God of Our Fathers

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 2:1-12
Pew Bible p. 527

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

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 *Emily Palethorpe*
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymn of Praise*
#625 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*

Reading of the New Testament Romans 13:1-7
Pew Bible p. 1101

Minister The grass withers and the flower fades
People **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's word Rev. Bryan Crotts
A Heavenly Perspective on Earthly Citizenship

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Submission*
#483 Lead On, O King Eternal

Benediction*

Postlude *Emily Palethorpe*

The **Lord's Supper** will be administered today as part of our morning worship service. The Lord's Supper is for those who have been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, have publicly professed their faith in Christ, and are members of an evangelical church.