

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. Hymn of Praise: The redeemed of God give praise to the Redeemer for the redemption accomplished for us! We joyfully celebrate the goodness of God and the life of the church.

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 Bible Study. All women are invited to attend the Women's Ministries' Bible study today in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to have a shorter study time so we can come back this afternoon at 6 PM for the Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social.

Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. Tonight at 6 pm we will enjoy a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social 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. Ice Cream and Toppings will be provided - no need to bring anything but hearty singing voices and an appetite. There will be provisions for those with allergies as well!

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. All women are encouraged to come to a planning meeting for the tea to be held in August. The meeting is scheduled for 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.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today:
Next Week:
Counter: Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: John Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for July 5:
General Fund: \$5,148.51
Love Offering (Olsons) \$20.00

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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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



“At that time people began to call
upon the name of the Lord”

Gen 4:26b

**The Lord's Day
July 12, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

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 87

Hymn of Adoration*
#278 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love, we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because you, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:8, 10-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Hymn of Redemption*
#283 We Are God's People

Reading of the Old Testament Genesis 15:1-20
Pew Bible p. 13

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 David Newton
Show Thyself Strong

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 I Corinthians 1:2
Pew Bible p. 1105

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
The New Covenant Community

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment*
#462 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Benediction*

Postlude *Julie Snow*

SERMON NOTES

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