

## 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.** Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon: As a people who continue to sin in this life we become fully aware, especially in the presence of God, of our great guilt and therefore we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ alone for the ground of our salvation. In worship we do this both privately and corporately. Those truly repentant in faith receive the forgiveness of God.

**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.

**Women's Ministries.** The Women's Ministries Bible study will hold the last Sunday study on August 9 immediately after service. Lunch will be purchased from Honeybaked Hams for \$6.70 per person. Please let Janice Richardson know ASAP if you want to participate in this meal or you can bring your own lunch. See you 8/9! Two new Bible studies will be offered beginning in September.

**Ladies Tea.** All women ages 0 and up are invited to a tea in the Fellowship Hall, which will be served by the men of our church on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2pm.

**Sunday Nights @ First.** Join us at 6 PM every Sunday Night beginning August 23. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word.

**5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social.** Plan to join us on August 30 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall for this time of worship and fellowship.

## Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton and Donna Wolff  
Next Week: Jessica Richardson and John Robinson  
Counter: Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Gene Parks  
Deacon on Duty: Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for July 26:  
General Fund: \$1,987.50

Financial Report:  
July Contributions: \$20,443.16  
July Expenses: 18,502.85  
YTD Contributions: 103,418.42  
YTD Expenses: 115,919.89

## 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

Pastor: Rev. Bryan P. Crotts  
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# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



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And they devoted themselves to the  
apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the  
breaking of bread and the prayers.

*Acts 2:42*

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**The Lord's Day  
August 2, 2015**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**Greeting of the Saints**                      *The Congregation & Visitors*

**Prelude**    *Ed Limon*

**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 148

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#108    Come, Christians, Join to Sing!

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**Affirmation of Faith**                      Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?**

**A.** The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

**Q. 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?**

**A.** It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

**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 of grace, you have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance. I need my tears to be washed. I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness. I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for you do always justify the ungodly. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and Thou art always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**                      Psalm 51:16, 17

For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise.

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#175    Hallelujah, What a Savior!

**Reading of the Old Testament**                      Deuteronomy 7:1-26  
Pew Bible p.179-180

*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**    *Anne Garner  
Katherine Baird*

In Christ Alone

## 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**                      Acts 2:42  
Pew Bible p. 1057

*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 Fellowship of the Saints*

## Prayer to Seal God's Word

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Hymn of Commitment\***  
#364    My Jesus, I Love Thee

## Benediction\*

**Postlude**    *Ed Limon*

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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. Children who have not yet made a profession of faith and united with the church should refrain from taking the elements.

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## SERMON NOTES

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