

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 Reflection: When the Word of God reveals to us the greatness of God, the sinfulness of man and the grace of God in Christ, we must think on these matters and sing of them! Sometimes we sing joyfully. At times we may sing mournfully. Often we sing prayerfully, asking God to be at work in our hearts and minds.

Lunch Fellowship Sunday. A Lunch Fellowship Sunday has been planned for August 16, 2015, following the Worship Service. A freshly prepared Salad Bar Event, including grilled chicken, bread, dessert and drinks, will be provided by the church in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, so consider inviting someone to join you for our Lunch Fellowship Sunday.

Ministry Promotion Sunday. Make plans to come to the Ministry Promotion Sunday on August 23 during the 9:45 Sunday School Hour. A preview of all opportunities to serve and be served at First ARP Church will be given. You may sign up for ministry committees & teams, hear about upcoming Sunday School Classes and other opportunities for growth in grace.

Women's Ministries. The Women's Ministries Bible study will hold the last Sunday study today immediately after service. Two new Bible studies will be offered beginning in September.

Ladies of the Church: If you are interested in a weekday Bible study, please contact Pastor Crotts. The ARP Women's Ministry study book is Dale Ralph Davis' *Joshua: No Failing Words*. Tentative plans are for a study on Tuesday morning.

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. Our study will be: *The Christian Life*.

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 singing and fellowship.

Church Cookout for Missions & Outreach. Mark your calendar for September 26 from 4-8 PM and join us for some good food and fellowship. Stay tuned for further announcements and details.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Jessica Richardson and John Robinson
Next Week: Fran Haynes and Macon Baird
Counter: Today: Gene Parks
Next Week: Stephen Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Macon Baird

Tithes and Offerings for August 2:
General Fund: \$4,672.09

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

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‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
Mark 12:31a

**The Lord's Day
August 9, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votiv 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 67

Hymn of Adoration*
#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Hebrews 1 and Philippians 2

"I believe that in the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."

"I believe that Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

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

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. We confess our sins against our brethren, the blindness and hardness of our hearts toward those in suffering and want, our indifference toward justice and mercy, our arrogance and all the evil ways of our selfishness and pride. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness, according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon John 6:48-51

I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever.

Hymn of Redemption*
#89 Our Great Savior

Reading of the Old Testament Micah 6:1-16
Pew Bible p. 903

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 *Ed Limon*
Surely Goodness and Mercy

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 Luke 10:25-37
Pew Bible p. 1006

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
Who is My Neighbor?

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
#304 Lift High the Cross

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

SERMON NOTES

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