

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Readings from God's Holy Word

Ephesians 1:1-14
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
2 Timothy 1:9
John 15:1-17

Hymn (Handout)
Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Heidelberg Catechism **Lord's Day 3**

6. Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

A. No, on the contrary, God created man good and in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify him.

7. From where, then, did man's depraved nature come?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise, for there our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.

8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.

The Christian Life: "Union With Christ"

Hymn (Handout)
In Christ Alone

Prayer

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. Tithes and Offerings: God asks that His tithes be given for the ongoing worship, work and ministry of the church. Out of the abundance of what God has given to us, above our regular tithes, we also present offerings to God as a sign of gratitude for His gracious actions toward us.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Our study will be: The Christian Life: Union with Christ.

Ladies of the Church: Plan to join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall classroom for the Book Study. There is another opportunity for a Bible study which begins on September 9 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting. The next stated session meeting is September 10 at 6 PM

Joint Officer Meeting. Scheduled for September 17 at 7 PM.

Young at Heart. Make plans to join us on September 22 at 11:45 AM. We will enjoy a covered dish meal. If you are able, please bring one of your favorite dishes. Our own Mandy Crotts will be the speaker.

Missions BBQ/Cookout. Mark your calendar for September 26 from 4-8 PM and join us for good food and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details.

Labor Day. The office will be closed tomorrow, September 7.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Jessica Richardson and Donna Wolff
Next Week: John Robinson and _____
Counter: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: John Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Macon Baird

Tithes and Offerings for August 30:
General Fund: \$3,203.51

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There is nothing better for a person than
that he should eat and drink and find
enjoyment in his toil.
-Ecclesiastes 2:24-

The Lord's Day
September 6, 2015

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Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Ed Limon*

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votum 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 126:1-3

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

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Praise*
#72 We Will Glorify

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord Jesus Christ, looking on you whom we have pierced, we mourn for our sins of thought, word, and deed which we are always committing against your holy majesty and which made necessary your suffering and death for our salvation; we have not loved you with all our heart nor humbly served one another as you have served us. In the midst of our earthly comforts, we have forgotten the pains and mortal anguish that you endured for our salvation. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Grant to us this day a true sight of all that you suffered, in your betrayal, your lonely agony, your false trial, your mocking and scourging, the torture of your death upon the cross, and the forsakenness by your Father. As you have given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to you, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:33-34

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Hymn of Praise*
#546 For All the Saints

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 8

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 *Choir*
God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory
(*Congregation, please join on last verse*)

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

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 God's Holy Word Genesis 1:26-2:24

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Tending Our Gardens

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment*
#178 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

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.

SERMON NOTES

What Does the Bible Say About _____?

What Might God _____?

What Should I Think About _____?