

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Readings from God's Holy Word

Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-10
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
2 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Hymn

See Handout
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 4

9. But does not God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

No, for God so created man that he was able to do it. But man, at the instigation of the devil, in deliberate disobedience robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

10. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally, as he has declared: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

11. But is God not also merciful?

God is indeed merciful, but he is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.

Prayers of the Congregation

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

The Christian Life:

“Chosen in Christ Before the Foundation of the World”

Hymn

See Handout
How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great

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. Offertory: The congregation, choir or a few vocalists offer to God a song of adoration, confession, thanksgiving or petition to God as an act of worship. On occasion, the song may be the singing of God's Word to remind, edify, exhort or comfort Christians in their faith.

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: Women's Ministry Bible Study continues this Wednesday, September 16, at 11:15 am.

Attention Ladies. The 108th annual meeting of First Presbyterian Women's Ministries is Sat., 10/17 at Pinecrest Church in Flat Rock, NC. Join our women who will be driving the church van leaving Fri. afternoon, 10/16, as soon as possible and spending the night at Bonclarken. We have 4 rooms reserved. Speakers will be Elizabeth Burns & Victoria Andes. We will travel home Saturday afternoon to be here for homecoming service Sunday. Please respond to Janice Richardson by TODAY if you are going: bestelect1@embarqmail.com or 449-7057.

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.

Greater Vision Banquet. The Piedmont Rescue Mission's Greater Vision Banquet 2015 will be October 15, 2015, 6PM at the National Agents Alliance Building, 1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, NC. The meal is catered by Golden Corral. Please join us for an evening of fellowship as we learn about this vital ministry in our community. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards. The Keynote Speaker is Robert Amaya, *Co-Star* in the movie *Courageous*, "Jaiver Martinez." There is no cost for your meal. However, this is the main fundraiser for the rescue mission, so a generous donation is appreciated. Please let Glenn or Margaret Owens know if you will be attending.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Donna Wolff
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Fran Haynes
Counter: Today: John Robinson
Next Week: David Newton
Deacon on Duty: Today: Macon Baird
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for August 30:

General Fund: \$3,713.47
Memorials (Linda Love): \$250.00

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“Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Matthew 13:52

**The Lord's Day
September 13, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

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 19

Hymn of Adoration*
#26 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 1.1

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.

Song of Praise*
#73 Thou Art Worthy

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess to you, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our sins through Christ Jesus. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to your Word. Almighty and merciful Father,

restore our souls in Jesus Christ, that we may be merciful and kind, even as you are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for his sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Assurance*
#503 Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Presentation of New Members

Harold Boswell, Shirley Boswell, Carolyn Crotts, Patrick Crotts, Mandy Crotts, Martha Ann Crotts, Carol Erb, Rick Erb, Ben Gregory, Kay Moore, Kaity Moore, Rachel Pelone, Audrey Sneed and Caleb Sneed

Reading of the Old Testament Numbers 24:1-15

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
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height; alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

Reading of the New Testament Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Jesus Has Spoken

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
#275 How Firm a Foundation

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

SERMON NOTES

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