

Order of Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 PM

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**Prelude**

**Readings from God's Holy Word**

2 Corinthians 5:17  
Titus 3:5  
1 Peter 1:3  
John 3:1-3

**Hymn**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

See Handout

**Heidelberg Catechism**

**Lord's Day 6**

**Q. 16. Why must he be a true and righteous man?**

A. Because God's righteousness requires that man who has sinned should make reparation for sin, but the man who is himself a sinner cannot pay for others.

**Q. 17. Why must he at the same time be true God?**

A. So that by the power of his divinity he might bear as a man the burden of God's wrath, and recover for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

**Q. 18. Who is this mediator who is at the same time true God and a true and perfectly righteous man?**

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is freely given to us for complete redemption and righteousness.

**Q. 19. Whence do you know this?**

A. From the holy gospel, which God himself revealed in the beginning in the Garden of Eden, afterward proclaimed through the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed through the sacrifices and other rites of the Old Covenant, and finally fulfilled through his own well-beloved Son.

**Prayers of the Congregation**

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

**The Christian Life:**

*"Ye Must Be Born Again"*

**Hymn**

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

See Handout

**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.** Confession of Faith: All things necessary for living life and understanding God, reality, salvation and Christian duty are given to us in Scriptures. It is right and good for the people of God to profess with their lips what we believe is true.

**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: *You Must Be Born Again.*

**Handbell Practice.** Handbell practice time is changing! Please note that beginning on Wednesday, September 30th, we will begin rehearsing on Wednesday nights instead of Sundays. Please plan for rehearsals at 6:30 each Wednesday. Thanks for your commitment and flexibility.

**1st Saturday Workday.** Join us for this opportunity of service from 9 AM to Noon.

**Missions BBQ/Cookout.** Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3 from 4-8 PM and join us for good food and fellowship. We are planning to have a food collection for the Food Bank. Please bring one or more nonperishable food items. Those coming who desire could bring chips or dessert. We will provide meat, buns, and condiments, fixings. Men interested in helping with grilling or providing a grill please speak to Stephen or Macon.

**The Lord's Supper.** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, October 4 during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

**Women's Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, October 7 at 11:15 AM. Our study will be lesson 3 in *Joshua*.

**Women's Book Study** on *Extravagant Grace* next meets on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 PM.

**Homecoming 2015.** Make plans to celebrate the past 50 years of ministry at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18. Our special day will include a Special Sunday School Class for all at 9:15, Worship at 11:00 AM and a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Jamie Hunt, Moderator of the General Synod of the ARPC and retired minister from Coddle Creek ARPC in Mooresville will be our guest preacher. His theme will be, "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls" from Jeremiah 6:16. Any ideas for the celebration should be sent to Jim Knox.

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**Ministry Information**

Nursery: Today: Jessica Richardson and Macon Baird  
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Fran Haynes  
Counter: Today: Doug Glass  
Next Week: Jay Snow  
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Glass

**Tithes and Offerings for September 20:**

General Fund: \$3,447.50

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Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.  
Philippians 1:9-11

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**The Lord's Day  
September 27, 2015**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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

**Prelude**    *Ed Limon*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Missions Moment**                              Missions Committee

**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 148

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#97    All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**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

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great name. Amen.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**                              Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#531    Satisfied

**Reading of the Old Testament**                              Psalm 110

## 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  
*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

**Hymn of Praise\***    Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**Reading of the New Testament**                              Hebrews 1:4-14

## Prayer for Illumination

**Preaching of God's Word**                              Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*I Pledge Allegiance to the Son*

## Prayer to Seal God's Word

**Hymn of Commitment\***  
#103    Blessed Be the Name

## Benediction\*

**Postlude**    *Ed Limon*

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## SERMON NOTES