

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word

John 1:1-2:17

Hymn

#395 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

For our homebound members: Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, George McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene Parks and Mae Wilburn.

For the local ministries we support: Alamance Pregnancy Center, Caring Kitchen, Allied Churches, Gideons, Meals on Wheels, Piedmont Rescue Mission, Siloam Missionary Homes

For the regional ministries we support: Jesse & Shayna Wesselink (International Students in Triad), Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA), Jeff & Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-Term Missions Coordinator), David Springer (Campus Outreach at Elon University)

For those sent to foreign places: Drew & Lauren Goodman (Pastor in Wales), Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Spain), Nathan & Ashley Olson (Layman Serving the Church in Scotland)

For the Church of God to grow through the work of First Presbytery Church Extension and Synod's Outreach North America.

For those in our congregation who are sent on short-term missions.

That we'd be salt and light in our spheres of influence as we go about our daily lives in our community.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Psalm 27

The Lord is My Light and Salvation

Prayer

Hymn

#325 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Announcements

Welcome. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. 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.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Hymn of Adoration: The Scriptures command us to give praise to God. The beginning of worship is focused on the adoration of our triune God. Our first hymn in worship should be reverent and joyful. It should remind us of the Scriptural truths that speak of the greatness of our God.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 27, *The Lord is My Light and Salvation.*

Work Day. Join us at the church on Saturday, January 7 at 9 AM. We will be taking down Christmas decorations.

Men's Lunch. Join us on Monday, January 9 at Southbound Sandwich Works at 12 noon.

Joint Session will meet on Monday, January 9 at 7 PM.

Men's Gathering. Join us on Monday, January 16 at Panera Bread at 7 PM.

2017 Contributions Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to pick yours up.

Missions Trip. In January 2017, Connie Bennett will be sent on her seventh trip for medical missions in Trinidad. Her gifts are well-utilized on the trip. You may participate in sending Connie by your prayers and financial support. The Presbyterian Church in America's (P.C.A.) Mission to the World is hosting the trip and provides all necessary administrative support for the trip. If you wish to contribute financially to the mission, please do so by sending your check to: MTW, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Note in the memo Account #10865 and all proceeds will support our sister's trip. Her financial goal for support is \$2,100. The Congregation will be commissioning Connie on Sunday, January 8.

OCC Update. Save your old Christmas cards. The front of the card with the picture can be cut off and a message written on the back.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Jimmy Smith and Vicki McPherson
Next Week: John Robinson and Fran Haynes
Counter: Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Jay Snow
Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$5,138.25

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“Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”
Hebrews 13:21

The Lord's Day
January 1, 2017

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 118

Hymn of Adoration*
#131 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: 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

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but do rule over me in liberty and power. No trial is as hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you and running the race. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. We pray this in Christ's blessed Name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:5-6

For if we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Hymn of Redemption*

#199

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Reading of the Old Testament

Numbers 6:22-27

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/Anthem

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

Ed Limon

Hymn of Praise*

#625

Doxology

Reading of the New Testament

Hebrews 13:20-21

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Bryan Crotts

The Blessing You Want for 2017

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment

#88

Fairest Lord Jesus

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

* Please stand if you are able