

Order of Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word

John 14:1-6

Hymn

#468

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 18

46. What do you confess when you say, he ascended into heaven?

A. That Christ, before the eyes of his disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that he is there for our benefit until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

47. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as he has promised us?

A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to his human nature he is no longer on earth, but with respect to his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

48. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if his human nature is not present wherever his divinity is?

A. Not at all, for his divinity has no limits and is present everywhere. So it must follow that his divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which he has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.

49. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.
Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.
Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Petition

For our homebound members: Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, Jim & June Little, Mary Lou McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Rucker Turner and Mae Wilburn.

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

For those sent to foreign places: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-term coordinator)

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.

We pray for each shoebox we sent through Samaritan's Purse to be a blessing to those who receive them!

The Christian Life

Glorification

Hymn

#542

When We All Get to Heaven

Prayer

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. Benediction: God speaks to His people and he blesses them! Through the minister, God speaks blessing on His children, that they might go into the world to bless others in the name of Christ.

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: "*Glorification.*"

Men's Lunch. Join us on Monday, January 4, at noon at Southbound Sandwich Works on South Church Street. We will begin a study of *Masculine Mandate* by Rick Phillips. See Pastor Crotts if you need a copy of the book.

Missions Trip. In January 2016, Connie Bennett will be sent on her sixth 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 10.

Ordination and Installation of Officers. Join us on January 10 for this special time of ordination and installation of officers for 2016.

Women's Ministry Weekly Bible Study. We will resume our study on Wednesday, January 20.

2016 Contribution Envelopes. Please go by the Fellowship Hall and pick up your envelopes for 2016.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Fran Haynes and Macon Baird
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Carol Erb
Counter: Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Jim Knox
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund:	\$6,279.97
Memorial (Marion Angel)	\$10.00

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Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one
may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:11

**The Lord's Day
January 3, 2016**

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 95

Hymn of Adoration*
#10 O Worship the King

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*

#623

Gloria Patri

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*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing — ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.

Reading of the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-2:3

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

David Newton

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

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 4:1-11

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Get Your Rest!

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment

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For All the Saints

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.