

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Readings from God's Holy Word

Acts 26:12-18
Romans 4:5
Romans 5:1

Hymn

Our Great Savior

#89

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 7

Q. 20. Will all men, then, be saved through Christ as they became lost through Adam?

A. No. Only those who, by true faith, are incorporated into him and accept all his benefits.

Q. 21. What is true faith?

A. It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

Q. 22. What, then, must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of the Apostles' Creed, our universally acknowledged confession of faith.

Q. 23. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty' from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Prayers of the Congregation

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

The Christian Life:

"Saving Faith"

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

#334

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. Reading of God's Word: Our worship service is God-centered and full of Scripture. Paul commands Timothy "to give attention to the public reading of Scripture". God's people are to hear, believe and obey the Word of God. When God's Word is read, God himself is speaking to 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: Saving Faith.*

Stated Session Meeting. The Session will meet this Thursday, October 8 at 7 PM.

Handbell Practice. Please note that we are rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

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.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton and Fran Haynes
Next Week: Dot Hutelmyer and John Robinson
Counter: Today: Jay Snow
Next Week: Jay Snow
Deacon on Duty: Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Tithes and Offerings for September 27:
General Fund: \$3,356.55

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Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Mark 14:25

The Lord's Day
October 4, 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 48

Hymn of Adoration*
#117 We Come, O Christ, to You

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1&2

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth, to live unto him.

Minister: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

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, and the torture of your death upon the cross. 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 Colossians 2:13,14

And you who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hymn of Redemption*
#385 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 114

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
Come to the Waters

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 I Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Keeping Christ Fresh in Our Minds

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment*
#304 Lift High the Cross

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