

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word

Genesis 24

Hymn

#43 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

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

For the local ministries we support: Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Gideons, Meals on Wheels, 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)

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

The Fruit of the Spirit is...Faithfulness Galatians 5

Prayer

Hymn

#440 O for a Heart to Praise My God

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. Sermon: The minister of God's Word reads, explains and applies the Scriptures to the congregation. Our practice is to preach the whole counsel of God. We preach through the Bible, verse by verse and book by book. In the reading and preaching of God's Word, we believe God himself speaks to his people, convincing, converting, comforting and counseling those who hear by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Galatians 5: *The Fruit of the Spirit is...Faithfulness.*

Ladies Wednesday Bible Study meets in the Conference Room at 11 AM to study Galatians for You by Timothy Keller.

Potato Bar! Join us TONIGHT, at 6 PM for supper after evening service!

5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social. The next 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social will be at 6 PM on Sunday, October 30.

Want to serve folks in our community? We participate in Meals on Wheels locally and are in need of volunteers. Please consider partnering with Glenn & Margaret Owens and Gary Gregory in monthly deliveries. Our upcoming commitments are: **October 24, 25**; November 21, 22; December 19, 20. Speak to the Owens about serving - 336-269-3055.

Nursery Workers. We are in need of volunteers for our Nursery ministry. Please contact Vicki McPherson for more details. Vicki's email address is: vickimac@triad.rr.com.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Things to remember:

- \$7 postage is necessary for all boxes. If you would like to have postage paid, please let Joyce Payne know as soon as possible.
- Boxes (plastic or cardboard) Standard size only 6qt.
- Boxes are due no later than Sunday morning, Nov. 20

More Suggestions:

- Utility candles
- Thick, 30-40 gal. garbage bag (used to sleep on)
- Older girls: sewing kit, needles & thread, 1 1/2 yds. of fabric
- Older boys: hammer & nails, screw driver & screws

Any questions, please contact Joyce Payne 222-1133

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Dot Hutelmyer and Jimmy Smith
Next Week: John Robinson and Fran Haynes
Counter: Today: Ferald Mann
Next Week: Glenn Owens
Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$3,524.39

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"See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."
from Hebrews 12:25, 28 & 29 ESV

The Lord's Day
October 23, 2016

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints

The Congregation & Visitors

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Handbell Choir

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 99

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 God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we have committed; by thought, word, and deed;

against your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our wrongs; remembering them is grief to us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24: 46-47

Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Hymn of Redemption*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

Let us love, and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Saviour's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown,
He who washed us with his blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join, and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood;
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

Reading of the Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-21

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

Fanfare of Praise

Handbell Choir

Hymn of Praise*

#625

Doxology

Reading of the New Testament

Hebrews 12:25-29

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Obedience and Worship

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

#241

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able