

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word Hebrews 12:14

Hymn
#336 Jesus, I Come

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 10

27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Prayers of the Congregation

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

The Christian Life "Sanctification: Growth in Grace"

Hymn
#442 Take Time to Be Holy

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. Thank you.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Membership Vows: When people join the church, they are publicly declaring their allegiance to God through Jesus Christ. Joining the church is also a public declaration of submission to God, the Scriptures, God's appointed Elders and the congregation as a whole. We covenant to live life together according to God's Word.

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: "Sanctification: Growth in Grace"

The Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, November 1, 2015 during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Young at Heart. Join us this Tuesday, October 27 at 11:45. Our special guest speaker is Stephen Crotts representing Martin Luther in celebration of Reformation Day. Bring a friend. Our menu will include chicken casserole, salad and rolls, which will be provided. Vegetables and desserts are welcome.

Women's Bible Study will next meet on Wednesday, October 28 at 11:15 AM. Our study will be lesson 5 in *Joshua*.

Women of First ARP. Mark your calendars for Saturday, 11/7 from 5 - 8:00 PM for fellowship, a devotion, food & fire. That's right, fire - a bonfire! Menu: hobo meals. Please RSVP to Kay Moore by 10/31 to find out what vegetable to bring for the meal at 336-263-3254 (text or call) or ktmoore@bellsouth.net.

Attention Congregation! On Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 PM, the Women's Ministry will be putting together goodie bags for our homebound members and will deliver these gifts afterwards. Please join with us in this fun project to bless those who can't be with us each Lord's Day. Please bring goodies for 12 bags. Examples: tissues, soaps, pens, paper, etc.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Fran Haynes and Mary Jane Glass
Next Week:
Counter: Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Jay Snow
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Doug Glass

Tithes and Offerings for October 18:
General Fund: \$2,772.84

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Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
Revelation 2:5

**The Lord's Day
October 25, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Handbell Choir*
Immortal, Invisible

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 126

Hymn of Adoration*
#26 A Mighty Fortress

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

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

We confess to you, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our sins through Christ Jesus. Make us truly contrite. Fill us with holy fear; and give us grace to amend our lives according to your Word. Almighty and merciful Father, restore our souls in Jesus Christ, that we may be merciful and kind, even as you are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive all wrong which we have suffered, and to ask forgiveness for every wrong which we have done. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who dwelt among men in great humility, and was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in him. Let our love and charity be abundant as our joy, that our hearts may be tender to all need, and our hands give freely for his sake. And grant that, being rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:11-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hymn of Redemption*

#195

What Can Wash Away My Sins

Reading of the Old Testament

Psalm 46

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

O Worship the King

Handbell Choir

Hymn of Praise*

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.

Doxology

Reading of the Old Testament

Nehemiah 13

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Reformed and Always Reforming

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*

#276

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon

SERMON NOTES

* Congregation Standing