

Join us for our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social!

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. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: In the Lord's Supper, we are fed by the Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. Christ reminds us of His work of redemption for us - that he obeyed and suffered in our place. He reminds of us of his ongoing work in our lives now. And we are reminded that His promise of full communion with Him in eternity is indeed true. The Lord's Supper is for those who have trusted in Christ as he is freely offered in the Gospel and have united with his body, the church. If you are not resting in Christ alone for your salvation, please let the bread and cup pass by. Ask God to make himself real to you and consider your need of Christ to forgive your sins.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us TONIGHT for our 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social at 6 PM.

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

Church Workday. Please plan to join us on Saturday, November 5 at 9 AM. There's something for everyone!

The Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, November 6th during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Time Change! November 6. Be sure to adjust your clocks for end of Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks back 1 hour and enjoy that extra hour of rest.

Denominational Offering. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. You will find an insert and envelope in your bulletin on Sunday, November 13. This offering will be collected through Sunday, December 4.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Operation Christmas Child boxes are due by November 20. Feel free to bring in your boxes now and store them in the Fellowship Hall. Suggestion: try to create one more box than you did last year. \$7 postage is due for each box. If you need help or have questions contact Joyce Payne 222-1133.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Fran Haynes
Next Week: Kathy Isley and Laurie Isley

Counter: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: John Robinson

Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
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Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$4,019.60

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“Let brotherly love continue.”
Hebrews 13:1

**The Lord's Day
October 30, 2016**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints

The Congregation & Visitors

Prelude

Ed Limon

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 46

Hymn of Adoration*

Psalm 46

Trinity Psalter

MATERNA CMD “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

1 God is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid;

2 and, therefore, tho’ the Earth remove
We will not be afraid;

Tho’ hills amidst the seas be cast,
3 tho’ troubled waters roar,

Yea, tho’ the swelling Billows shake
The mountains on the shore.

4 A river is whose streams make glad
The city of our God,

The holy place wherein the Lord
Most High has His abode.

5 Yea, God is in the midst of her;
Unmoved she stands alway;

And God will surely grant her help
Before the break of day.

6 The nations raged; the
Kingdoms moved;

And when the earth had heard
The mighty voice He sent abroad
It melted at His word.

7 The LORD of hosts is on our side
Our safety to secure;

The God of Jacob is for us
A refuge strong and sure.

8 O come, behold what Wondrous works
Have by the LORD been wrought;

Come, see what desolations great
He on the earth has brought.

9 To utmost ends of all the earth
Wars unto peace He turns;

The bow He breaks, the spear He cuts,
In fire the char-iot burns.

10 Be still and know that I am God;
Among the nations I

Will be exalted; I on earth
Will be exalted high.

11 The LORD of hosts is on our side.
Our safety to secure;

The God of Jacob is for us
A refuge strong and sure.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

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

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will 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. Amen.

Song of Praise*

#30

How Majestic is Your Name

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, eternity is yours, so you cannot be ignorant of what we tell you. By confessing our own miserable state to you and acknowledging your mercy towards us we open our hearts to you, so that you may free us wholly, as you have already begun to do; so we may cease to be wretched in ourselves and may find our happiness in you. Therefore, we acknowledge our sin before you. In how many ways have we failed you, our Lord? O Lord, the depths of our conscience lie bare before your eyes.

Could anything of ours remain hidden from you, even if we refused to confess it? We should only be shielding our eyes from seeing you, not hiding ourselves from you. For you have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers.

Forgive us for every failure to be what you have called us to be, what the Lord Christ saved us to be, and what we ourselves, in our hearts desire to be for your sake. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Adapted from Augustine’s Confessions, XI, i; X, ii]

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Hymn of Redemption*

#196

There Is a Fountain

Reading of the Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-21

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Choir

Hymn of Praise*

#625

Doxology

Reading of the New Testament

Hebrews 13:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God’s Word

Loving God Means Loving Others

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Prayer to Seal God’s Word

Hymn of Commitment

#286

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon