

Order of Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 PM

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**Prelude**

**Reading from God's Holy Word** John 17:1-26

**Hymn**  
#404 The Solid Rock

**Heidelberg Catechism** Lord's Day 12

**31. Why is he called Christ, that is, Anointed?**

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

**32. Why are you called a Christian?**

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in his anointing, so that I may as prophet confess his name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.

**Prayers of the Congregation**

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

**The Christian Life** "The Enemy Around Us: the World"

**Hymn**  
#419 Abide with Me

**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.** Ordination of Officers: The risen and ascended Christ gives gifts to his church by appointing ministers, elders and deacons to do and oversee the work of the church. The act of ordination sets these servants apart to do the work God has appointed for them to do. Christians are commanded to obey their leaders, to follow their lead, to receive God's Word from them and to let them watch over your soul.

**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: "The Enemy Around Us: the World"

**Women's Ministry Book Study.** Join us Tuesday evening, November 10 at 7 PM as we continue our study of the book, *Extravagant Grace*.

**Women's Bible Study** will next meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:15 AM. Our study will be lesson 7 in *Joshua*.

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child.** Our congregation has the privilege of participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child this season. Brochures are available at the narthex entrances or visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) to find instructions on preparing a shoebox. All boxes must be delivered to the church building by Sunday **morning**, November 22. A wonderful video of this ministry is available on the ministry website. If you are unable to fill a box, please speak to Connie Bennett, Lynn Limon, or Joyce Payne.

**Annual Business Meeting.** The Session has called the annual business meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 13, 2015 after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2016 Budget and hold elections for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Congregational Chair and Treasurer. In order to participate in the nominations process, please pick up an Officer Nomination Procedures brochure at any Sanctuary entrance. Copies of the budget and the final ballot for officers will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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**Ministry Information**

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Carol Erb  
Next Week: Fran Haynes and Vicki McPherson  
Counter: Today: Jay Snow  
Next Week: David Newton  
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Glass

**Tithes and Offerings for November 1:**  
General Fund: \$10,961.08

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For those whom he foreknew he  
also predestined to be conformed to the image  
of his Son, in order that he might be the  
firstborn among many brothers.  
Romans 8:29

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**The Lord's Day**  
**November 8, 2015**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**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 22

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#111    Join All the Glorious Names

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**Affirmation of Faith**                      Westminster Larger Catechism

**Q. 37. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?**

A. Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

**Q. 38. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God?**

A. It was requisite that the mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

**Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be man?**

A. It was requisite that the mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

**Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God and man in one person?**

A. It was requisite that the mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

**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**                      Romans 8:31-32

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#199    Arise, My Soul, Arise

**Presentation of New Members**

Kathryn Crotts, Ben Gregory, Karen Hoke and Kaitly Moore

**Reading of the Old Testament**                      Psalm 22

**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**                              *Choir*  
All Praise to Christ

**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 Old Testament**                      Hebrews 2:10-18

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Preaching of God's Word**                      Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*Jesus: Like Us So We Could Be Like Him*

**Prayer to Seal God's Word**

**Hymn of Commitment\***  
#127    Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**    *Ed Limon*

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**SERMON NOTES**