

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word

Titus 2:1-15

Hymn

#557

In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 22. 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, and born of her, yet without sin.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

It is Good to Give Thanks!

Pastor Jim Mitchell

Prayer

Psalms 92:1-6

Trinity Psalter

It's good to thank the LORD,
To praise Your name, Most High!
To show Your love at dawn,
Your faithfulness all night!
The ten-stringed lyre
With sweet-voiced lute and
rippling harp.
Your praise inspire.

Your deeds, LORD, made me glad.
I'll joy in what You've done.
How great Your doings, LORD!
How deep Your thoughts
each one!
Fools won't be shown;
The foolish can't accept this truth,
To him unknown!

(Tune: "Rejoice, The Lord Is King")

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.

Today. We welcome to our pulpit this morning Rev. Doug Peterson. Doug is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and lives in Cary with his wife and children. He is a graduate of Duke University, where he played football, and Reformed Theological Seminary - Charlotte. He has served congregations in the ARP Church and the PCA. This evening's guest minister is Rev. Jim Mitchell. He is the minister at Northside Presbyterian Church (P.C.A.) in Burlington.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 92, "It is Good to Give Thanks!"

Denominational Offering. Each year at Thanksgiving time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. This offering will be collected through Sunday, December 4.

Christmas Poinsettias. You may find additional order forms and envelopes at each narthex entrance. Your memorial and/or honorarium poinsettias will be placed in the church in early December. The last Sunday for returning this form is Sunday, December 4. Please put the order form and \$8 per plant in the envelope provided and place in the offering plate.

Lessons and Carols. Mark your calendars for the Friday, December 4 Lessons and Carols event. This event is one to mark, invite your friends to it and dig out your festive wear (plaid pants and sweaters!). The service will be the read Word of God and the best of sacred Christmas music. There will be readings from the Bible that show God's wonderful plan of redemption (the Lessons) and wonderful selections of Christmas songs (the Carols). This will be a wonderful event to involve the whole body and to get our minds centered on the Christ of Christmas! There will be a reception following. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a finger food treat: *Vegetable, Fruit, Salty, or Sweet!* Contact Fran Haynes if you have any questions.

Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon. Young At Heart will be Tuesday December 6 at 11:45. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be furnished. Please bring vegetables, fruits, salads and desserts. Tim and Lynn Robinson will present the program.

Annual Business Meeting. The Session has called the annual business meeting of the congregation for Sunday, December 11, 2016 after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2017 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.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Carol Erb and Macon Baird
Next Week: Fran Haynes and John Robinson

Counter: Today: Bill Haynes
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$3,104.60

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And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

The Lord's Day
November 20, 2016

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Adult Choir*
We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship* Psalm 96:1-4

Hymn of Adoration*
#556 Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Creed

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

People: I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions. I believe that God chose and ordained the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Savior of his Church. I believe that from all eternity God gave his Son a people, who will be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise*
#623 Gloria Patri

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Holy Father, often do we approach you with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are not in worship. We offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have not been diligent in our use of the means of grace. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father have mercy on us! Forgive us our debts! Cleanse us and give to us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. In his name do we come to you. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 57:15

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Hymn of Redemption*
#2 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reading of the Holy Scripture
Psalm 138 and Colossians 3:16-17

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 *Adult Choir*
Thanksgiving Medley

Hymn of Praise*
#625 Doxology

Reading of the Old Testament Leviticus 2

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word *Rev. Doug Peterson*
Responding With Thanks

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment
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Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able