

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word Ephesians 2:8-10

Hymn
#2 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 14

35. What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

He is our Mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

Prayers of the Congregation

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication

The Christian Life "Fruitful Faith & Good Works"

Hymn
#363 More Love to Thee

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. Tithes and Offerings: God asks that His tithes be given for the ongoing worship, work and ministry of the church. Out of the abundance of what God has given to us, above our regular tithes, we also present offerings to God as a sign of gratitude for His gracious actions toward us.

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: "Fruitful Faith & Good Works"

Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms with envelopes to order your poinsettia in memory or honor of your loved one may be found at the narthex entrances to the Sanctuary. The deadline for ordering is today.

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Social. Join us on November 29 at 6 PM for our Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Social. Enjoy a time of fellowshiping in God's Word, song, and food! Chili will be served.

Young at Heart. Plan to join us for our Christmas luncheon on December 1 at 11:45 AM. A wonderful program and menu are planned. Bring a canned good to share with our local food pantry. More details to come!

Women's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, December 2 at 11:15 AM.

Lessons and Carols. We will worship the Lord together on Friday, December 4 for Lessons and Carols as we read God's Word and sing Christmas Carols. Plan to join us as we center our minds on the Christ of Christmas.

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 6.

Woman's Ministry Book Study. We will continue our study in *Extravagant Grace* on December 8 at 7 PM.

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.

Thanksgiving Office Hours. The church office will be closed Wednesday-Friday.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Mary Jane Glass and Dot Hutelmyer
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Sarah Ickes

Counter: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: John Robinson

Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: David Newton

Tithes and Offerings for November 8:

General Fund:	\$3293.33
Memorials (Bill Huffman)	\$100.00
Poinsettias	\$100.00

Pastor: Rev. Bryan P. Crotts
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He has caused his wondrous works
to be remembered; the Lord is
gracious and merciful.
Psalm 111:4

**The Lord's Day
November 22, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *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 92

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

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What doth God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Song of Praise*
#623 Gloria Patri

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father, no one can forgive sins except you alone. No one can determine what a sin is, except you alone. We confess that, according to your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against you in this last week, and we seek your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved you as we ought. We have neglected to glorify you in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to you. For these sins, we ask your pardon. Mercy and truth go before your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to you belongs great mercy. We come to you now, Father, seeking your free pardon in Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Hymn of Confidence*
#27 Tell Out My Soul

Reading of the New Testament Ephesians 5:22-6:4

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 *Handbell Choir*
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymn of Praise*
#557 In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 78:1-8

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Show and Tell

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism
Sophia Marie Ickes
Ava Grace Ickes
Caleb Barry Ickes

Psalm of Commitment* Psalm 78:1-8
Ellacombe

O ye my people, to my law
Attentively give ear;
The words that from my
Mouth proceed
Incline yourselves to hear.
My mouth shall speak a parable,
The sayings dark of old,
Which we have listened to
and known
As by our fathers told.

We will not hide them
From their sons
But tell the race to come
Jehovah's praises and His strength,
The wonders He has done.
His word He unto Jacob gave,
His law to Is-ra-el,
And bade our fathers teach
their sons
The coming race to tell,

That children yet unborn
Might know
And their descendents lead
To trust in God, recall
God's works,
And His commandments heed,
And not be like their fathers were,
A race of stubborn mood,
Which never would prepare
its heart
Nor keep its faith with God.

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

* Congregation Standing