

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

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.** Offertory: The congregation, choir or a few vocalists offer to God a song of adoration, confession, thanksgiving or petition to God as an act of worship. On occasion, the song may be the singing of God's Word to remind, edify, exhort or comfort Christians in their faith.

**Gideon Sunday.** Members of Alamance West Gideon Camp will present the ministry and will be prepared to accept your contributions at the end of the Worship Service. Checks may be made payable to Gideon's International..

**Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Social.** Join us tonight 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 and brownies 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. Tim and Lynn Robinson will provide the program!

**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. There will be a reception following. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to bring a finger food treat: Vegetable, Fruit, Salty, or Sweet!

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

**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. Brochures and contribution envelopes are located at the narthex entrances to the Sanctuary.

**Woman's Ministry Book Study.** We will continue our study in *Extravagant Grace* on December 8 at 7 PM. We will have a Christmas Cooking Exchange!

**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: Nicole Newton and Sarah Ickes  
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Carol Erb  
Counter: Today: John Robinson  
Next Week: Doug Glass  
Deacon on Duty: Today: David Newton  
Next Week: Doug Glass

**Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:**

General Fund:	\$3,230.77
Memorials (Bill Huffman)	\$625.00
Poinsettias	\$60.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$648.00

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and  
his courts with praise! Give thanks to  
him; bless his name!  
Psalm 100:4

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**The Lord's Day  
November 29, 2015**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**Greeting of the Saints**                      *The Congregation & Visitors*

**Prelude**    *Julie Snow*

**Missions Moment**              Gideon's Report              Gene Parks

**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 149

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#52    O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation\***

**Affirmation of Faith**                      Hebrews 1 and Philipians 2

"I believe that in the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."

"I believe that Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

**Song of Praise\***  
#30    How Majestic is Your Name

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In Jesus Christ, our Redeemer's name we pray. Amen.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**                      Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#202    Amazing Grace

**Reading of the New Testament**                      Luke 1:46-55

## 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**    *Ed Limon*  
    Tannhauser

**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

Psalm 113

## Prayer for Illumination

**Preaching of God's Word**                      Rev. Bryan Crotts  
    *He Saved a Wretch Like Me!*

## Prayer to Seal God's Word

**Hymn of Commitment\***  
#124    Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

## Benediction\*

**Postlude**    *Ed Limon*

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## Sermon Notes

\* Congregation Standing