

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Readings from God's Holy Word

Genesis 2:17, 3:19 & 22
1 Corinthians 15:26

Hymns

#419 Abide With Me

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 17

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Petition

For our homebound members: Marion Angel, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, Jim & June Little, Mary Lou McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Rucker Turner and Mae Wilburn.

For the local ministries we support: Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Gideons, Meals on Wheels, Piedmont Rescue Mission, Siloam Missionary Homes,

For those sent to foreign places: Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-term coordinator)

For the Church of God to grow through the work of First Presbytery Church Extension and Synod's Outreach North America.

For those in our congregation who are sent on short-term missions.

That we'd be salt and light in our spheres of influence as we go about our daily lives in our community.

We pray for each shoebox we sent through Samaritan's Purse to be a blessing to those who receive them!

The Christian Life

Death

Hymn

#374 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Hymn of Response: When God reveals Himself or His commands through the reading and preaching of His Word, a human response is required. After we hear His Word, our minds must consider the truth heard, our hearts must be moved to affection and our whole beings should be ready to serve our Master. We often sing of these desires at the end of worship.

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: "Death."

The Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, January 3 during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Missions Trip. In January 2016, Connie Bennett will be sent on her sixth trip for medical missions in Trinidad. Her gifts are well-utilized on the trip. You may participate in sending Connie by your prayers and financial support. The Presbyterian Church in America's (P.C.A.) Mission to the World is hosting the trip and provides all necessary administrative support for the trip. If you wish to contribute financially to the mission, please do so by sending your check to: MTW, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982. Note in the memo Account #10865 and all proceeds will support our sister's trip. Her financial goal for support is \$2,100. The Congregation will be commissioning Connie on Sunday, January 10.

2016 Contribution Envelopes. Please go by the Fellowship Hall and pick up your envelopes for 2016.

End of Year Giving. All offerings to be included in your 2015 contribution statement must be given by today, December 27, 2015. All offerings placed in the offering plate on January 3, 2016, even if dated 2015, will be recorded on your 2016 statement.

Men's Lunch. Join us on Monday, January 4, at noon at Southbound Sandwich Works on South Church Street. We will begin a study of *Masculine Mandate* by Rick Phillips. See Pastor Crotts if you need a copy of the book.

Office Hours. The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 31, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Sarah Ickes
Next Week: Fran Haynes and Macon Baird

Counter: Today: Gene Parks
Next Week:

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

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund:	\$4,447.26
Memorial (Huffman)	\$50.00

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We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was, for you have taken your great
power and begun to reign.
Revelation 11:17

The Lord's Day
December 27, 2015

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* Revelation 4:8b and 11

Hymn of Adoration*
#262 Holy, Holy, Holy

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*
#36 How Majestic Is Your Name

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our wrongs; remembering them is grief to us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Luke 24: 46-47

Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Hymn of Redemption*
#132 Angels We Have Heard on High

Reading of the Old Testament Genesis 3

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 *Connie Bennett*
Breath of Heaven

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 New Testament Revelation 12:1-6

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
An Age Old Battle

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Hope in Christ
#125 Joy to the World

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing