

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word

Numbers 6:22-27

Hymn

#468

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 26

69. How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.

70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.

71. Where has Christ promised that he will wash us with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

The Psalms

Sleeping in Peace

Psalm 4

Prayer

Hymn

Psalm 4

Handout

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. Reading of God's Word: Our worship service is God-centered and full of Scripture. Paul commands Timothy "to give attention to the public reading of Scripture". God's people are to hear, believe and obey the Word of God. When God's Word is read, God himself is speaking to us.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 4: *Sleeping in Peace.*

Ladies Weekly Bible Study. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 11 AM for our Bible Study on Joshua: No Failing Words by Dale Ralph Davis.

Easter Lilies. Today is the last day to order your Easter Lily. Order forms are at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Please fill out the form and place in the envelope provided along with \$13 per plant. Checks may be made payable to First ARP Church. You may place the envelope in the offering.

Holy Week. A rehearsal for the Holy Week Service for Palm Sunday (3/20) Evening will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 PM. A light meal will be served at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Bridal Shower. You are invited to a bridal shower for Stephanie Payne and Jordan Strong on Saturday, March 19, 1:00-3:00 at the church building. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond. If you'd like, please bring a favorite recipe to share.

Women's Ministry. Please plan to attend a women's fellowship luncheon Saturday, March 19 at Two for Tea at 3 PM. More details to come.

Easter Breakfast. We would like to enjoy a covered dish breakfast before our morning service (during Sunday school hour). All our wonderful cooks are asked to get out those delicious recipes to share for all to enjoy from the following!
*Breakfast Casseroles *Ham Biscuits *Sausage Biscuits *Buttered Biscuits with Jellies *Fruit *Drinks will be provided ~ coffee, milk, juices.
Since you will enjoy breakfast first thing, bring your dish hot and ready to serve!

Baby Shower. Save the date for a baby shower for Kristen and Travis Carter. Saturday, April 2, 2016. Time: 2 to 4. They are registered at Target and Babies R Us. Gift certificates are welcome so they can purchase the larger items needed. Also, instead of a card please bring a favorite childhood book. Please contact Jessica Richardson if you are interested in helping and/or be at the church Friday April 1 at 6:30 to set up.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Vickie McPherson and Carol Erb
Next Week: Nicole Newton and Fran Haynes
Counter: Today: Bennett Richardson
Next Week: Ferald Mann
Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund:	\$6841.70
Floral	65.00

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My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

The Lord's Day
March 13, 2016

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

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 24

Hymn of Adoration*
#268 God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1 & 2

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth, to live unto him.

Minister: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise*
#73 Thou Art Worthy

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us do good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from you. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

from Numbers 14:18; Isaiah 55:6-7; I John 1:7

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love forgiving iniquity and transgression. Seek him while he may be found, call upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Hymn of Redemption*

#292 God of Grace and God of Glory

Reading of the New Testament Acts 8:9-24

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

Take My Yoke Upon You

Choir

Psalm of Praise*

#625 Doxology

Reading of the New Testament

Hebrews 6:4-8

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Warning: Point of No Return!

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

#279

Faith of Our Fathers

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon

Sermon Notes