

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. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper: In the Lord’s Supper, we are fed by the Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. Christ reminds us of His work of redemption for us - that he obeyed and suffered in our place. He reminds of us of his ongoing work in our lives now. And we are reminded that His promise of full communion with Him in eternity is indeed true. The Lord’s Supper is for those who have trusted in Christ as he is freely offered in the Gospel and have united with his body, the church. If you are not resting in Christ alone for your salvation, please let the bread and cup pass by. Ask God to make himself real to you and consider your need of Christ to forgive your sins.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM We will sing, pray and hear from God’s Word - Psalm 39.

Choir News. No choir practice today. **Handbell** will practice on April 18 at 6:30 PM.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Wednesday April 19 at 11 AM.

Easter Denominational Offering. Each year at Easter time the ARP Church collects a special offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. You will find an insert in today’s bulletin. Please use the special envelope provided. This offering will be collected today, April 16 through Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Men’s Evening Gathering will be April 17 at 7 PM at Panera Bread. We will discuss chapter 2 of *18 Words*.

Young at Heart. Our next Young at Heart Luncheon will be April 25 at 11:45 AM. Shannon Pointer, MSN, RN, Community Educator with Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell will be our speaker. This education session will offer a glimpse into all of the programs and services available through Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell. We will cover hospice, but so much more. Education will be provided on all available programs and services for the community, including grief counseling for adults and children, dementia support services, advance care planning and more. Please take the time to attend the presentation to learn more about resources that are available so that no one ever says “I wish we would have known about these resources sooner. The menu will be announced soon!

5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Social. Plan to join us on April 30 at 6 PM.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Jimmy Smith and Fran Haynes
Next Week: Vicki McPherson and Carol Erb
Counter: Today: Ferald Mann
Next Week: Stephen Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Larry Isley
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week’s Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$4,836.75
Easter Lily: \$ 120.00

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Crotts
Vice Moderator: Jay Snow
Clerk: John Robinson

2017: Bill Haynes
2018: John Robinson
Jay Snow
2019: Ferald Mann

Elders Emeritus:
Jim Knox
Gene Parks

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens, 2018
Vice Chairman: Larry Isley, 2019
Secretary: Stephen Robinson, 2017

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Steve Kyaw, Jim Knox, Gene Parks, Ferald Mann
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God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Numbers 23:19

**The Lord’s Day
April 16, 2017**

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* Revelation 7

Hymn of Adoration*
#225 Worship Christ the Risen King

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Song of Praise*

#623

Gloria Patri

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. Thus, do we forget your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world, and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:5-6

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Hymn of Redemption*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

Let us love, and sing, and wonder,
Let us praise the Saviour's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown,
He who washed us with his blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join, and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood;
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

Reading of the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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

Choir

Rejoice

Psalm of Praise*

Old 100th

All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
Whom with the Father, we adore
And holy Spirit evermore.

Reading of the New Testament

Acts 3:1-26

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Raised Up To Bless You

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

#304

Lift High the Cross

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon
