

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 - Psalm 39.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Wednesday April 26 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 a brochure and contribution envelope at the Sanctuary entrances. This offering will be collected Sunday, April 30, 2017.

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. Our menu will be assorted salads and desserts. If able, please bring a favorite salad or dessert.

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

Missions Sunday & Congregational Lunch. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4. Rev. Josh Grimm, along with his wife Ashely and son Isaac will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Grimm will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about campus ministry at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. They serve through Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's (ARP) partnership with the Presbyterian Church in America's (PCA) Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Vicki McPherson and Carol Erb
Next Week: Macon Baird and Donna Wolff
Counter: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Larry Isley
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund - \$2,413.50
Easter Offering - \$ 790.00

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
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: John Robinson
Congregational Chairman: James Constable

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"Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth,
Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice."
Philippians 1:18

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Ed Limon*

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment Jack Hensley, Gideons

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 145

Hymn of Adoration*
#217 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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. 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 and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Exodus 34:6,7

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Hymn of Redemption*
#117 We Come, O Christ, to You

Reading of the Old Testament Ezekiel 13:1-23

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
Sunrise Resurrection

Psalm of Praise*

#625

Doxology

Reading of the New Testament Philippians 1:15-18a

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Proclaiming Christ

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment
#521 Redeemed

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

Sermon Notes

* Congregation Standing