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. Sermon: The minister of God's Word reads, explains and applies the Scriptures to the congregation. Our practice is to preach the whole counsel of God. We preach through the Bible, verse by verse and book by book. In the reading and preaching of God's Word, we believe God himself speaks to his people, convincing, converting, comforting and counseling those who hear by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Nights @ **First**. Join us tonight at 6 PM in the Sanctuary for our **Holy Week Service**. We will read and sing our way through the events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Easter Lilies. If you would like to make a contribution for an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, the forms are located at the Sanctuary entrances. Please fill out the form and place in the envelope provided along with \$12 per plant, and place in the offering by TODAY, April 9. Checks may be made payable to First ARP Church. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

Ladies Bible Study will NOT meet this Wednesday, but will continue on April 19 at 11 AM.

Easter Breakfast. We would like to enjoy a covered dish breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Get out those wonderful breakfast recipes for all to enjoy from the following ~ *Breakfast Casseroles *Ham/Sausage/Butter Biscuits with Jellies *Fruit. *Beverages provided. We will enjoy breakfast first thing, so bring your dish HOT and READY to serve!

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

Men's Evening Gathering will be April 17 at 7 PM at Panera Bread. Both groups will be discussing chapter 2 of *18 Words*.

Young at Heart. Our next Young at Heart Luncheon will be April 25. Save the date! More details to come.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Jondeen Terry

Next Week: Jimmy Smith and Carol Erb

Counter: Today: Jay Snow

Next Week: Ferald Mann Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens Next Week: Larry Isley

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:

General Fund: \$5,384.58 Easter Lily: \$ 72.00

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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"I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

Philippians 1:12

The Lord's Day April 9, 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*

Psalm 18

Hymn of Adoration*

#173 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism 1-3

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Song of Praise*

#73 Thou Art Worthy

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

from Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 85:2-3

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. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Hymn of Redemption*

#177 What Wondrous Love is This

Reading of the Old Testament

Zechariah 13:7-9

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.

Hymn of Praise

#625 Doxology

The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory/Anthem Adult and Handbell Choirs *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Reading of the New Testament

Philippians 1:12-14

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Pastor Bryan Crotts
Straight Licks With Crooked Sticks

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

#233 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Benediction*

Postlude Ed Limon

Sermon Notes

^{*} Please stand if you are able