

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word Luke 19:28-44

Hymn
Handout Trinity Psalter
Psalm 24

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 46

120. Why has Christ commanded us to address God as our Father?

To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer that childlike reverence and trust toward God which should be basic to our prayer: God has become our Father through Christ and will much less deny us what we ask of him in faith than our fathers would refuse us earthly things.

121. Why is there added, in heaven?

These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly manner, and to expect from his almighty power all things we need for body and soul.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

For our homebound members: Elizabeth Barber, Theo Baulding, Jean Cathey, Foy Evans, Doris Haywood, June Little, Mary Lou McKinney, Catherine Mangum, Pat Montgomery, Gene & Helen Parks and Mae Wilburn.

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

For the regional ministries we support: Jesse & Shayna Wesselink (International Students in Triad), Ali & Tari Mitchell (ARP Connect/Ministry to Muslims in USA), Jeff & Shelia Osborne (Stateside/Short-Term Missions Coordinator)

For those sent to foreign places: Drew & Lauren Goodman (Pastor in Wales), Andy & Nanette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Spain), Nathan & Ashley Olson (Layman Serving the Church in Scotland)

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.

The Psalms *The LORD is My Creator-King* Psalm 24

Prayer

Hymn
Handout Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
Trinity Hymnal

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. Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon: As a people who continue to sin in this life we become fully aware, especially in the presence of God, of our great guilt and therefore we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ alone for the ground of our salvation. In worship we do this both privately and corporately. Those truly repentant in faith receive the forgiveness of God.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 24: *The LORD is My Creator-King.*

Christmas in August! Now is a good time to stock up on supplies for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Crayons, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, underwear, socks, tees, etc. Avoid large items like notebooks. Questions, call Joyce Payne 222-1133.

Homecoming 2016. This year's Homecoming Sunday will be Sunday, September 25. At 9:45 AM during the Sunday School hour, we will have the Moderator of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church speak to us about this year's spiritual emphasis. Phil Williams, a ruling elder from Covenant of Grace ARP Church in Winston-Salem is our moderator and his topic will be "Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength". Our 11:00 AM worship service will include a sermon from Pastor Crotts on the same theme. A luncheon will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall - the church will provide ham & turkey and we request that all who wish to bring a dish provide a fall-themed side. Dot Hutelmyer will be coordinating the meal, so please contact her if you have questions.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Carol Erb and _____
Next Week: Dot Hutelmyer and John Robinson

Counter: Today: Ferald Mann
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

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

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:
General Fund: \$5,135.50

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And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

The Lord's Day
August 21, 2016

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude

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 122

Hymn of Adoration*
#25 Immortal, Invisible

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Creed

Minister: Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, what do you believe?

People: I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions. I believe that God chose and ordained the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Savior of his Church. I believe that from all eternity God gave his Son a people, who will be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise
#74 Majesty

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but do rule over me in liberty and power. No trial is as hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. We pray this in Christ's blessed Name. Amen

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon John 10:27-29

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. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Hymn of Redemption*
#505 Love Lifted Me

Reading of the Old Testament Psalm 78:38-55

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 Ed Limon

Hymn of Praise*
#625 Doxology

Reading of the New Testament Hebrews 11:3-7

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Believing in What We Can't See

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment
#546 For All the Saints

Benediction*

Postlude

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able