

**Order of Sunday Evening Service**  
**6:00 PM**

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**Prelude**

**Reading from God's Holy Word** John 15:1-16:4

**Hymn**  
Handout O God beyond All Praising  
Trinity Hymnal

**Heidelberg Catechism** Lord's Day 47

**122. What is the first petition?**

Hallowed be your name. That is: Grant us first of all that we may rightly know you, and sanctify, glorify, and praise you in all your works, in which shine forth your almighty power, wisdom, goodness, righteousness, mercy, and truth. Grant us also that we may so direct our whole life – our thoughts, words, and actions – that your name is not blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

**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 ABCs of Walking Straight* Psalm 25

**Prayer**

**Hymn**  
Handout Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee  
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 25: *The ABCs of Walking Straight.*

**The Lord's Supper.** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, September 4th during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

**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.

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**Ministry Information**

Nursery: Today: Dot Hutelmyer and John Robinson  
Next Week: Vicki McPherson and \_\_\_\_\_

Counter: Today: Stephen Robinson  
Next Week: Bennett Richardson

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

**Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:**

General Fund:	\$1,062.50
Memorials:	
Rachel Holt (Ladies Bible Class)	\$5.00
Fay Burch	\$45.00

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These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Hebrews 11:13

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**The Lord's Day**  
**August 28, 2016**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**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 93

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#52    O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**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.

**Song of Praise**  
#30    How Majestic is Your Name

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Our Heavenly Father, you have clearly told us in your Word that you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and chosen us in Him before you even created the world, to be holy and blameless in your sight. We are thankful for our high position in Christ. But we confess to you that we have failed to live up to the holy and blameless position. We have sinned daily against your divine majesty by thought, word and deed. We confess that our sins are the reason Jesus suffered and died. Forgive us for our manifold sins against you and cause us to grow into the person you created each of us to be by the power of your blessed Holy Spirit.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**    Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain compassion.

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#531    Satisfied

**Reading of the Old Testament**    Psalm 78:56-72

## 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

**Hymn of Praise\***  
#625    Doxology

**Reading of the New Testament**    Hebrews 11:8-22

## Prayer for Illumination

**Preaching of God's Word**    Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*Grapes and Grandkids*

## Prayer to Seal God's Word

**Hymn of Commitment**  
#552    On Jordan's Stormy Banks

## Benediction\*

## Postlude

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## Sermon Notes

\* Please stand if you are able