

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word 1 Corinthians 13

Hymn
#269 O Word of God Incarnate

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 49

124. What is the third petition?

A. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. That is: Grant that we and all men may deny our own will, and without any murmuring obey your will, for it alone is good. Grant also that everyone may carry out the duties of his office and calling as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

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 Fruit of the Holy Spirit Galatians 5
What Is Living By the Spirit?

Prayer

Hymn
#284 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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. Membership Vows: When people join the church, they are publicly declaring their allegiance to God through Jesus Christ. Joining the church is also a public declaration of submission to God, the Scriptures, God's appointed Elders and the congregation as a whole. We covenant to live life together according to God's Word.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5: *What Is Living By the Spirit?*

Men's Book Study Opportunities: Join us on September 12 at noon at Southbound Sandwich Works. Our discussion will be chapter 8 of *Masculine Mandate*. The Thursday evening Men's Gathering will meet to discuss chapter 5 of *Masculine Mandate* on Thursday, September 22 at 7 PM at Panera Bread.

Ministry Teams Kickoff. September 21 at 7:15 PM. This event is designed to help the different ministry teams get started !

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. Ham and turkey will be provided. If you are able, please bring a fall-themed side item (vegetable, bread, relish, fruit, stuffing, etc.), dessert or beverage (tea, lemonade, soft drink) to share. Contact/coordinator is Dot Hutelmyer.

Young at Heart will next gather on Tuesday, Sept 27 from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM with guest Sgt. Gregg Turner of the Burlington Police Department presenting a program on safety for seniors, community watch, scam protection and Burlington police statistics. Come prepared to ask questions. This luncheon will be a traditional covered dish, so please (if you are able) bring a favorite meat, vegetable, fruit, salad, or dessert to share! We are looking forward to a blessed time of fellowship. Love, Margaret and Glenn.

Nursery Workers Needed. We are in need of volunteers for our Nursery ministry. Please contact Vicki McPherson for more details. Vicki's email address is: vickimac@triad.rr.com.

Want to serve folks in our community? We participate in Meals on Wheels locally and are in need of volunteers. Please consider partnering with Glenn & Margaret Owens and Gary Gregory in monthly deliveries. Our upcoming commitments are: Sept 26, 27; October 24, 25; November 21, 22; December 19, 20. Speak to the Owens about serving - 336-269-3055.

Music Ministry. We are growing in **choir** — God is good — Sing with us on Sunday mornings. We rehearse on Sunday at 5 PM. Thank you to all who signed up to sing! **Handbell** choir is underway. We will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. Thank you for signing up to share your talents.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: John Robinson and Jessica Sneed
Next Week: Carol Erb and Dot Hutelmyer
Counter: Today: John Robinson
Next Week: Bill Haynes
Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:
General Fund: \$6,510.00

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“...who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.”
Hebrews 11:33-34

The Lord's Day
September 11, 2016

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 92

Hymn of Adoration*
#34 The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1&2

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth, to live unto him.

Minister: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise
73 Thou Art Worthy

Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In Jesus Christ, our Redeemer's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Hymn of Redemption*
#92 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Reading of the Old Testament Judges 16:23-31

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 F. J. Haydn
The Heavens are Telling

Hymn of Praise*
#625 Doxology

Reading of the New Testament Hebrews 11:32-40

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Is the World Worthy of You?

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment
#468 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Benediction*

Postlude Ed Limon

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able