

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

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**Prelude**

**Reading from God's Holy Word**

Psalm 85

**Hymn**

#56

Day by Day

**Heidelberg Catechism**

Lord's Day 51

**Q 126. What is the fifth petition?**

A. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. That is: For the sake of Christ's blood, do not impute to us, wretched sinners, any of our transgressions, nor the evil which still clings to us, as we also find this evidence of your grace in us that we are fully determined wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbor.

**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

*The Fruit of the Spirit is...Peace*

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

#493

It Is Well with My Soul

**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.** Pastoral Prayer: God's people spend time privately and corporately praying to God for things concerning the needs of the congregation, the mission of the local church, the advance of God's kingdom and the needs of those supported by the church to fulfill the Great Commission. Prayers are also made for all people, governing authorities, our enemies and those in need of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mr. Phillip D. Williams** is a Ruling Elder at Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Winston-Salem, NC and is the Moderator of the General Synod of the ARP Church. He is our guest today to bring us greetings from the Synod and to encourage us in our love for God and service to the world.

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

**The Ladies Wednesday Bible Study** resumes each Tuesday at 11 AM in the Conference Room and will study Timothy Keller's Galatians for You. We will study the first chapter in our study guide on September 28.

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child.** During the Sunday School Hour - 9:45 AM on Sunday, October 2, we will have guest Betty Stevens. She is the Area Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child and will speak to us about this international ministry and our participation in the work.

**A Church Workday** is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 at 9 AM. There will be chores and projects for all ages and skills. Speak to Glenn Owens if you have any questions. Some projects include cleaning out the pews on the organ side, unclogging gutters/downspouts, and making repairs to our roof runoff drainage system.

**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.

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**Ministry Information**

Nursery: Today: Fran Haynes and Macon Baird

Next Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Counter: Today: Jim Knox

Next Week: Steve Kyaw

Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens

Next Week: Stephen Robinson

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

General Fund: \$3,066.75

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“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”  
Mark 12:28

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**The Lord's Day**  
**September 25, 2016**

## Order of Worship

11:00 AM

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**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\***    Revelation 4

**Hymn of Adoration\***  
#262    Holy, Holy, Holy

**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.

**Song of Praise\***  
#623    Gloria Patri

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*O our God! We are ashamed, and blush to lift up our faces before you; for our iniquities are higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached unto the heavens. We were sinful at birth, even from the time our mothers conceived us. We are by nature children of wrath; we have corrupted our way, and turned aside from your holy laws. You are not in all our thoughts; we have often forgotten you, the God who formed us and redeemed us, and have lived for ourselves, indulging the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. But now we repent. We grieve over ourselves and turn from our sins, calling on you to forgive us and to renew a clear heart and mind within us, through the merit and mediation of your sinless Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.*

## Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**  
from Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 44:22; I John 2:1-2

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. He has blotted them out as a thick cloud, buried them in the deepest part of the sea, and will remember them against us no more. He has promised that if any man sins, he has an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

**Hymn of Redemption\***  
#379    Take My Life and Let It Be

**Reading of the Old Testament**    Deuteronomy 6:1-25

## 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  
*Gloryland Medley*

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

**Reading of the New Testament**    Mark 12:28-34

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Preaching of God's Word**    Rev. Bryan Crotts  
*Brains, Hearts and Hands*

**Prayer to Seal God's Word**

**Hymn of Commitment**  
#292    God of Grace and God of Glory

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**    Ed Limon

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## Sermon Notes

\* Please stand if you are able