

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word Romans 7:7-8:11

Hymn
#345 Blessed Assurance

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 48

123. What is the second petition?

Your kingdom come. That is: So rule us by your Word and Spirit that more and more we submit to you. Preserve and increase your church. Destroy the works of the devil, every power that raises itself against you, and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do all this until the fullness of your kingdom comes, wherein you shall be all in all.

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 *What Is Living By the Spirit?* Galatians 5

Prayer

Hymn
#478 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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. Hymn of Reflection: When the Word of God reveals to us the greatness of God, the sinfulness of man and the grace of God in Christ, we must think on these matters and sing of them! Sometimes we sing joyfully. At times we may sing mournfully. Often we sing prayerfully, asking God to be at work in our hearts and minds.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. 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 - 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.

Christmas in September! 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.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Vicki McPherson and _____
Next Week: John Robinson and _____

Counter: Today: Bennett Richardson
Next Week: John Robinson

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

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:
General Fund: \$4,313.50

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Moses considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than
the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
Hebrews 11:26

The Lord's Day
September 4, 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 148

Hymn of Adoration*
#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

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

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Praise
72 We Will Glorify

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Exodus 34:6,7

“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, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Hymn of Redemption*
#336 Jesus, I Come

Reading of the Old Testament Exodus 2

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 11:23-31

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
I'd Rather Have Jesus Than Silver or Gold!

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment
#47 God Will Take Care of You

Benediction*

Postlude

The **Lord's Supper** will be administered today as part of our morning worship service. The Lord's Supper is for those who have been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, have publicly professed their faith in Christ, and are members of an evangelical church. Children who have not yet made a profession of faith and united with the church should refrain from taking the elements.

Sermon Notes

* Please stand if you are able