

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. Please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so that we can have a record of your visit & an opportunity to contact you if desired.

A Word About Our Worship Service: OFFERATORY—

The congregation, choir or a few vocalists offer to God a song of adoration, confession, thanksgiving or petition to God as an act of worship. On occasion, the song may be the singing of God's Word to remind, edify, exhort or comfort Christians in their faith.

Prospective New Members Class will meet Sundays during Sunday School March 24-April 7. This class is for those seeking church membership as well as for those desiring a review of what it means to be a church member at First ARP!

Lord's Day Evening Worship Service will be at 6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we sing, pray and hear from Rev. Bryan Crofts on the book of Revelation.

Choir Rehearsal is scheduled for 5 P.M. on Sundays.

Let's shower **Kimber & Josh Limon** with baby gifts for their baby boy due in May! For gift ideas visit their registry at babylist.com, which includes Target, Amazon, etc. Gift cards, diapers, or wipes are welcome also. Place gifts in the basket in the Fellowship Hall until the end of April.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study gathers each Wednesday at 11 A.M. in the Conference Room.

Handbell Rehearsal is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Young at Heart ❤️ meets on Tuesday, March 26 at 11:45 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Alex Mebane will be the speaker; he serves as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Director for Alamance County. Please bring a dish to share for the meal.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS MOVIE—First ARP will show a private screening of this new animated version of John Bunyan's book. Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, April 3 at 7 P.M. Popcorn provided! (An opportunity to share a love offering towards the film's translation into other languages will be available.)

HOLY WEEK SERVICE will be Sunday, April 14 at 6 in the evening. We will hear Scriptures reads, music sung & played as well as the congregation sing and pray.

Easter Breakfast is scheduled for Easter morning, Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 A.M. Please bring a breakfast treat to share. Coffee, tea, juice and water will be provided.

Easter Flower donations may be made now through April 7 for God's glory & in honor or in memory of loved ones. Flowers will be on display Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday as well as the name acknowledged in a special bulletin insert. 🌸

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First Associate Reformed
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Luke 7:23, *ESV*

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP, 11 O'CLOCK

March 24, 2019

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary.
The music is a signal for the congregation to observe silence. Please silence all phones and electronic devices. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.

GREETINGS OF THE SAINTS The Congregation & Visitors

PRELUDE *God Himself Is with Us* WUNDERBARER KONIG
NO. 164 Carolyn & Martha Ann Crotts, violin~Jim Lynch, flute~Julie Snow, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY FOR SILENT PRAYER

SALUTATION Revelation 1:4-5, *ESV* (page 1028)

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 145, *ESV* (page)

HYMN OF ADORATION* *I Will Exalt You, God, My King*
NO. 145B, vs. 1-4 & 12 DUKE STREET

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
NO. 851 (HYMNAL)

SONG OF PRAISE* *Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above*
NO. 565 WINCHESTER OLD

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sin against you our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS & PERSONAL CONFESSION

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON Deuteronomy 4:31, *ESV* (page)

HYMN OF REDEMPTION* *Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy*
NO. 339 BRYN CALFARIA

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:1-11, *ESV* (page)

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Behold, My Servant* BOVINA
NO. 490 Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE* *Doxology*
NO. 567 OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 7:18-35, *ESV* (page 863)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S HOLY WORD Rev. Bryan Crotts

Blessed Is the One Who Is Not Offended By Me

PRAYER TO SEAL GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF COMMITMENT* *Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*
NO. 447 HENDON

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE *The Crusaders* W. Stickles
Ed Limon, organ

*Those who are able, please stand.