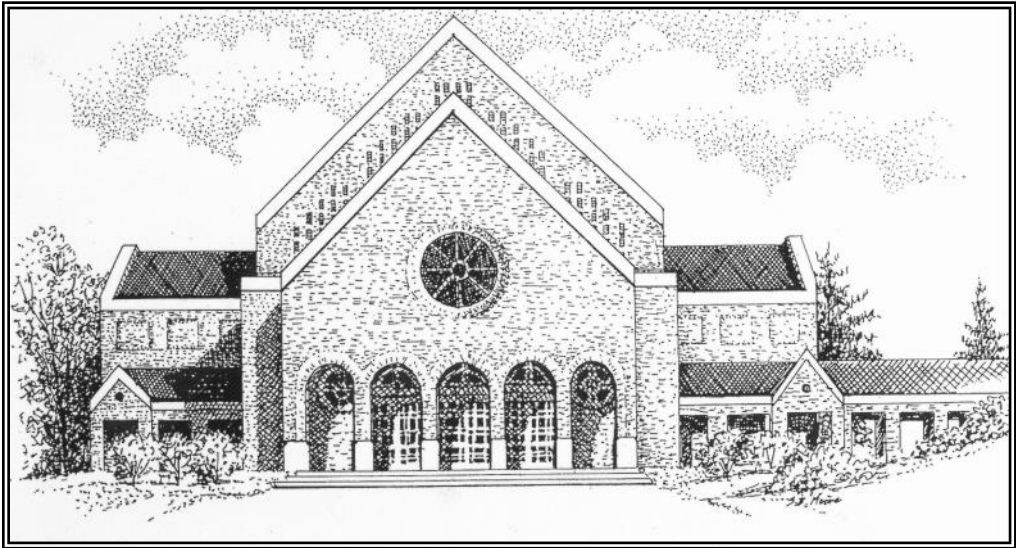


The Lord's Day
February 4, 2018



“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

Welcome to Arden Presbyterian Church. We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing and help to you. Please fill out the **Friendship Register form** so that we have a record of your attendance. For all **first-time visitors**, there is a gift at the **Welcome Center in the Narthex**. Please drop by and see us!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 4

- 9:30 AM Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Communicants Class, Fellowship Room
- 4:00 PM Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, Fellowship Room

Wednesday, February 7

- 5:00 PM Midweek Dinner, Multipurpose Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room
- 5:45 PM Children's Choir, Fellowship Room
- 6:15 PM Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Midweek Program, Multipurpose Room
- 6:15 PM Children's Catechism, Children's Classrooms
- 6:15 PM Youth Group, Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Men's Prayer and Bible Study, Conference Room
- 7:30 PM Assimilation Committee, Conference Room
- 7:30 PM Missions Committee, Fellowship Room

Thursday, February 8

- 6:30 AM Gathering of Men for prayer and study, Sanctuary room 8
- 3:00 PM Hands of Faith, Conference Room

Sunday, February 11

- 9:30 AM Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Communicants Class, Fellowship Room

Prelude

Gathering Song

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty;
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings,
All exclaiming...

(Refrain)

"Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name;
You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing, God!"

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom...

(Refrain 2x)

*Laura Story
Arr. Jeff Anderson
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Welcome

Rev. Nathan Francis

(Please sign the Friendship Register form and pass to your neighbor.)

Greeting of One Another

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Call to Worship

Dr. Craig Sheppard

Minister: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

ALL: Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O forests, and every tree in them. For the Lord has redeemed His people!

based on Psalm 107:2, Isaiah 44:23

Hymn of Adoration

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

No. 455

(Verses 1, 3-5)

Prayer of Invocation (concluding with the 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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Praise

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

(Chorus)

This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love;
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice;
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

(Chorus)

*Music and Lyrics: Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham
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Corporate Confession of Faith

Rev. Francis

Minister: How does the Lord encourage the one who trusts in Jesus Christ even though that believer may struggle with doubt?

ALL: The Scripture testifies that believers in this life will struggle with various fleshly doubts, and that under grievous temptations they do not always feel the full assurance of salvation or the certainty of persevering. But God, who is the Father of all consolation, does not allow them to be tempted beyond what they are able, but will with the temptation also provide the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it (1 Cor. 10:13), and the Holy Spirit again inspires them with the comfortable assurance of persevering.

[adapted from Canons of Dort, Heading 5, Article 11]

GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS OUR HEARTS

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer; we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Pastoral Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit Titus 3:5-6

(No Children's church for Communion Sunday. We will resume next Sunday.)

The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Ms. Ruth Paulson, Piano
Ms. Erin Klimstra, Cello

Be Thou My Vision
(arr. Cranfill)

GOD RENEWS OUR MINDS

Sermon

Dr. Craig Sheppard

Spiritual Affections

The Source of Spiritual Affections in the NT, part 3

Rom. 8:1-17

(found in the pew Bible on page 944)

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I. The Glory of Christ

Jn. 1:14, chs. 14-16, 17:1-5, Acts 1

II. The Liberated and Liberating Spirit

Rom. 8:1-2

III. Application

A. If you belong to Christ:

vv. 8-11

B. If the Spirit dwells in you:

v.5

C. As Spirit-indwelt people:

vv. 6, 11

D. If you are lead by the Spirit:

vv. 14-17a

E. Because you are Spirit-indwelt heirs of God:

v. 17b

GOD BLESSES COMMUNES WITH US

Hymn of Preparation *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* No. 338
(Verses 1, 3)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Arden Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are seeking to forsake their sin, and who are members in good standing of congregations that proclaim this gospel.

Hymn of Response *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* No. 338
(Verses 4, 5)

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US

The Lord's Benediction

The Church's Response *Doxology* No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to let you know that you have, by overwhelming majority, voted to call Dwight Basham to the position of Associate Pastor of Music Ministry and Congregational Care. Your call of Dwight will now go to the Western Carolina Presbytery at their next stated meeting on February 24th. Following Presbytery's approval, we will schedule an installation service for Dwight sometime shortly thereafter.

Ladies Book club will meet February 5 from 7:00-8:30 at Heather Wright's home, 9 Holly Ridge Drive, Asheville. We will finish our discussion of Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers.

We will meet on February 19th (corrected date) with Pepper Basham who will share her story as a Christian fiction author with us.

On March 5th, March 19th and April 9th we will discuss The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom. **Call or text Sheila Wright at 828-708-2456 for more info.**

Just in time for Valentines Day: Even if you've never been to Mid-Week, would you consider investing 4 short weeks in your marriage with other Arden couples? This 4 week series, beginning 2/7, is a short commitment that could pay big dividends in your marriage. www.marriage.paultripp.com for more info.

The Mid-Week Program this Wednesday begins with **dinner at 5:00 PM** followed by the streaming series **MARRIAGE with Dr. Paul David Tripp beginning at 6:15 PM.** Kids Catechism and Youth Group also begin at 6:15 PM. There is no cost, however, donations are gladly welcomed to help offset the cost of food and supplies.

Mid-Week Menu: Taco Salad, Cheese Nachos, Refried Beans, Salad Bar, & Ice Cream

All visitors are invited to lunch on Sunday, February 11th, immediately following the service in the Multipurpose Room. The Visitors' Lunch is designed to give visitors an opportunity to meet the pastors, church staff, elders, and deacons, as well as hear about opportunities to plug-in to the ministries of our church. If you are a new or long-time visitor, we would love for you to join us for lunch. Please contact Pastor Nathan at nathanbfrancis@gmail.com for more inform.

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Ladies, please join us! Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is finishing their study of Titus and will begin a study of 2 Timothy soon. Tuesday through May 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, Fellowship Room (lower level sanctuary building). Loving childcare provided!

And coming soon! An evening study of 2 Timothy! **Thursdays, 7:00-8:30, beginning March 1**, at the home of Lisa Sheppard.

Contact Jean-Marie VunCannon for details about both studies:
jmvuncannon@gmail.com/828-684-7221, ext. 315

Men's Retreat, April 13-14 at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly. Rev. Dr. Sherrill Babb will present, "The Life and Walk of the Godly Man" Friday evening and Rev. Gabe Malloy will be presenting Saturday morning. There will be various activities available Friday afternoon (golf, tennis, hiking, etc). The total cost is \$79 for overnight lodging and two meals. Currently we have 22 men signed up, and room available for 24 additional men. **A deposit of \$40, made payable to Jerry Arial, needs to be mailed to 174 Rhododendron Dr. Arden, NC 28704 to secure your reservation.** More information coming in March, or email Jerry at wingderm@aol.com.

MTW Medical Mission Trip to Gonaives, Haiti is scheduled for May 26— June 2, 2018. Both medical and non-medical participants are needed. Mobile medical clinics will be held in MTW Missionary Esaie Etienne's three church plants. The approximate cost is \$1600-\$1800 total (including both flights and ground expenses). Scholarships are available as funds allow. **Contact Jerry Ariail, MD at wingderm@aol.com for additional information.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Offering for January 28: 15,949

	Jan. Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Difference
General Fund	\$88,026	\$88,026	\$103,714	(\$15,688)
Mercy Fund	\$1,746	\$1,746	\$2,127	(\$381)
Faith Promise	\$11,050	\$11,050	\$16,475	(\$5,425)
Building	\$718	\$718	\$0	\$718

Through our **New Commandment** ministry, men of the church meet monthly to visit and provide assistance to members. Their focus is on single mothers, widows and widowers, and seniors. Through our **Mercy Ministry**, our deacons work with the Church Business Administrator to help with unmet financial and physical needs.

If you, or someone you know, could be helped by either New Commandment or Mercy Ministry support, please contact **Mark Gould** at **mbgould2@ gmail.com** or **(828) 275-8842**. Details on these ministries are available in the Narthex or on the ardenpres.org web page.

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Jason Godfrey
Mark Gould
Daniel Jensen
Larry Kidd
Aaron Kraft
Daniel Moore

Save these dates for All Church events:

February 21—25: APC Annual Missions Conference

March 28: Final Mid-Week Program

March 29: Maundy Thursday Service

April 1: Easter Sunday

April 13-14: Men's Retreat at Blue Ridge Assembly

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10:45AM-12:00PM**