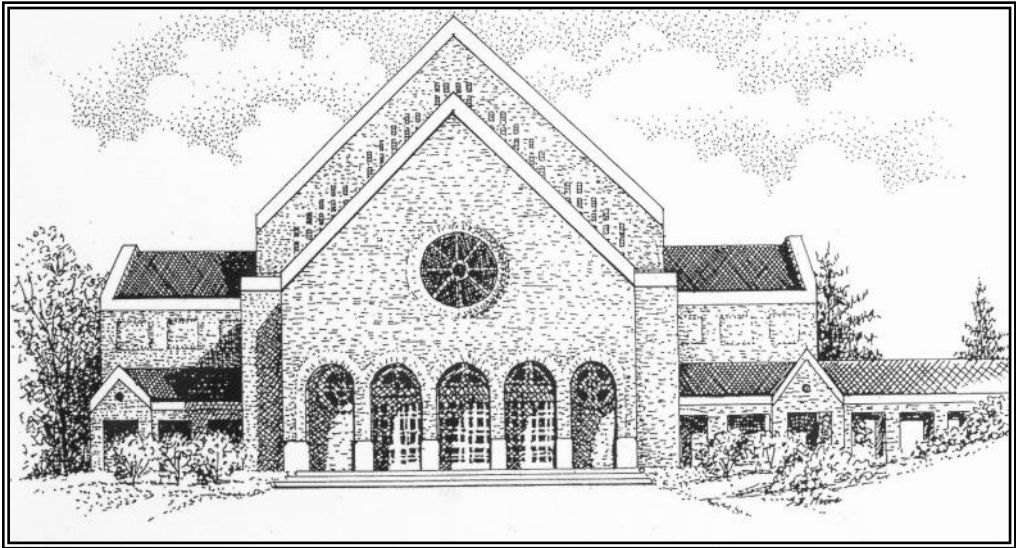


**The Lord's Day**  
**February 18, 2018**



*“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**

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, February 18**

- 9:30 AM Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Communicants Class, Fellowship Room

### **Tuesday, February 20**

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, Fellowship Room

### **Wednesday, February 21**

- 5:00 PM Global Missions Kick-off Dinner, Multipurpose Room
- 5:45 PM Children's Choir, Fellowship Room
- 6:15 PM Children's Catechism, Children's Classrooms
- 6:15 PM Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Youth & Adult Missions Midweek Program, Multipurpose Rm

### **Thursday, February 22**

- 6:30 AM Gathering of Men for prayer and study, Sanctuary room 8
- 12:30 PM SUPERSaints Missions Luncheon, Multipurpose Room

### **Friday, February 23**

- 5:30 PM Missions Banquet, Multipurpose Room
- 6:30 PM Children's Missions Program, Fellowship Room
- 6:30 PM Global Missions Program, Multipurpose Room

### **Saturday, February 24**

- 9:30 AM Church-wide Missions Breakfast for all ages, Multipurpose Rm

### **Sunday, February 25**

- 9:30 AM Joint Children's Missions Sunday School, Fellowship Room
- 9:30 AM Joint Youth & Adult Missions Sunday School, Multipurpose Rm
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Communicants Class, Fellowship Room

**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!

## Prelude

## Gathering Song

*Greater than Our Hearts*

*(Chorus)*

You who are greater than our hearts,  
Come make your faithful mercies known;  
The mind of Christ to us impart;  
Your constant mind in us be shown.

O let us by your cross abide,  
You, only you, resolved to know;  
The Lamb for sinners crucified,  
A world to save from endless woe.

*(Chorus)*

Take us into your people's rest,  
And we from our own works shall cease;  
With your meek Spirit arm our breast,  
And keep our minds in perfect peace.

*(Chorus)*

Jesus, for this we calmly wait;  
O let our eyes behold you near!  
Hurry to make our heav'n complete,  
Appear, our glor'ous God, appear!

*(Chorus)*

*Text: Charles Wesley and Matthew Smith*

*Music: Matthew Smith*

*Arr. Joel Littlepage*

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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:** Listen to me, all the remnant who have been borne by me from before your birth: I am He that will carry you even to old age.

**ALL:** **For we have received blessing and righteousness from you, the God of our salvation.**

based on Isaiah 46:3; Psalm 24:5

**Hymn of Adoration**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

No. 342

(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

## *His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*(Chorus)*

Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*(Repeat)*

*Matt Papa and Matt Boswell*  
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## Corporate Confession of Faith

Rev. Francis

Minister: How should God's promise that He will cause all true believers in Christ to persevere in their faith affect them?

**ALL: It renders them much more careful and desirous to continue in the ways of the Lord, which He has ordained, that they who walk therein may keep that sense of assurance. They should not abuse His fatherly kindness, but rather always rest in His gracious countenance set upon them.**

[adapted from Canons of Dort, Heading 5, Article 13]

## GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS OUR HEARTS

### Corporate Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted that your good news is good. We have closed our eyes to your glory. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may know the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

[adapted from *Book of Common Prayer*]

### 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

(Following the prayer, Children 4 yrs. – Kindergarten may dismiss to the lobby if they would like to attend Children’s Church which will meet downstairs in Room 3.)

## **The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

Ms. Kelley LeBlanc

### *A Mighty Fortress*

*Our God is a consuming fire, a burning holy flame with glory and freedom.  
Our God is the only righteous judge, ruling over us with kindness and wisdom.  
And we will keep our eyes on you, we will keep our eyes on you.*

*(Chorus)*

*A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is your name.  
Your kingdom is unshakable; with you forever we will reign.*

*Our God is jealous for his own. None could comprehend his love and his mercy.  
Our God is exalted on his throne, high above the heavens.  
Forever He’s worthy.*

*And we will keep our eyes on you, we will keep our eyes on you.*

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

*We will keep our eyes on you, we will keep our eyes on you.  
So we can set our hearts on you, Lord, we will set our hearts on you.*

*(Chorus)*

*With you forever we will reign, with you forever we will reign  
Our God is a consuming fire, a burning holy flame with glory and freedom.*

# GOD RENEWS OUR MINDS

**Sermon**

Dr. Craig Sheppard

## **The Ministry of the Spirit by His Other Names**

John 14:15-27, 16:4b-15

(found in the pew Bible on page 901)



# The Ministry of the Spirit by His Other Names

John 14:15-27, 16:4b-15

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## I. The Departing Savior

14:3, 28; 16:5, 7, 16, 28

*“These things I have said to you...”*

14:25, 15:11, 16:4, 16:6, 16:25 16:33

## II. The Coming Spirit

14:16-17

## III. The Spirit’s Other Names:

The \_\_\_\_\_

14:16, 26, 16:7

The \_\_\_\_\_

14:17

## IV. The Ministry of the Spirit:

16:7-8

**Hymn of Response**      *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

No. 335

## **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

**Special Missions Dinner and Program this Wednesday with dinner at 5 PM, followed by our Missions Conference Kick-off program at 6:15 PM.** Kids Catechism also begins 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: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Ice Cream*

**Ladies Book club 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.**

**Ladies, please join us! Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** is finishing their study of Titus and **will begin a study of 2 Timothy February 27.** 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

**Come join us for the Arden Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 from 10 AM - Noon.** There will be over 7,000 Easter eggs, a 22 foot inflatable slide (adults allowed), coffee and donuts. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun morning full of family activities and a fun gospel presentation!

**Men's Retreat, April 13-14 at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly.** Dr. Sherrill Babb will present, "The Life and Walk of the Godly Man" Friday evening and Saturday morning. Rev. Gabe Malloy will also 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. **To secure your reservation, please send a deposit of \$40, made payable to Jerry Ariail, to 174 Rhododendron Dr. Arden, NC 28704.** More information coming in March, or email Jerry at wingderm@aol.com.

## **Your Global Missions Conference is this week!**

The mailing you received this week included a **Faith Promise card** and an **agenda** for our conference. Please join us for each of our conference events as we focus on our Mission's partners around the world, hear the word of God proclaimed and learn how to become involved in World Missions. **Faith Promise giving is how we at Arden help to place and support missionaries in the field around the world.**

### **Please sign up for these Global Missions Events:**

- ◆ **Thursday, February 22nd**, we will have our **SUPERSaints Missions Luncheon in the Multipurpose room at 12:30 PM**. Greg Doty will be discussing the topic, "Here I Am, Send Them". Pastor Doty is a covenant child of Arden Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Leanne, have two daughters, Renee and Kaitlin. Greg has spent over 15 years in pastoral ministry and currently serves as the Missions and Outreach Pastor of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, MD. They have been called by Mission to the World to minister full time with the Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. **Please RSVP by Monday February 19th at the welcome center in the narthex, or by calling Phyllis Fleming (684-9050), church (684-7221 x312) or email ardensecretary@gmail.com.**
- ◆ **On Friday night, February 23**, we will have our missions banquet in the multi-purpose room. So that we can prepare the right amount of food and adequately prepare the room, **please stop at the missions table in the narthex on your way out and sign up**. There is no cost for the dinner, but a donation of \$5/person, \$10 per family is suggested.
- ◆ **Saturday evening, February 24**, four Fellowship Groups will be hosting our four missionary guests. You are invited to attend one of these four gatherings. **In order to help the hosts plan their respective dinners, please stop by the missions table in the narthex on your way out and sign up for the group you'd like to attend.**

**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 info.**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Offering for February 11: \$28,313.50**

	<b>Feb. Giving</b>	<b>YTD Giving</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b>
General Fund	\$45,232	\$133,257	\$144,751	(\$11,494)
Mercy Fund	\$340	\$2,086	\$3,095	(\$1,009)
Faith Promise	\$5,034	\$16,084	\$16,475	(\$391)
Building	\$255	\$973	\$0	\$973

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](http://ardenpres.org) web page.

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Jim Wilde  
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### **Deacons:**

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

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of  
Judy Frank by Sewing Sisters.*

**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

March 31: Arden Easter Egg Hunt

**April 1:** Easter Sunday

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

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