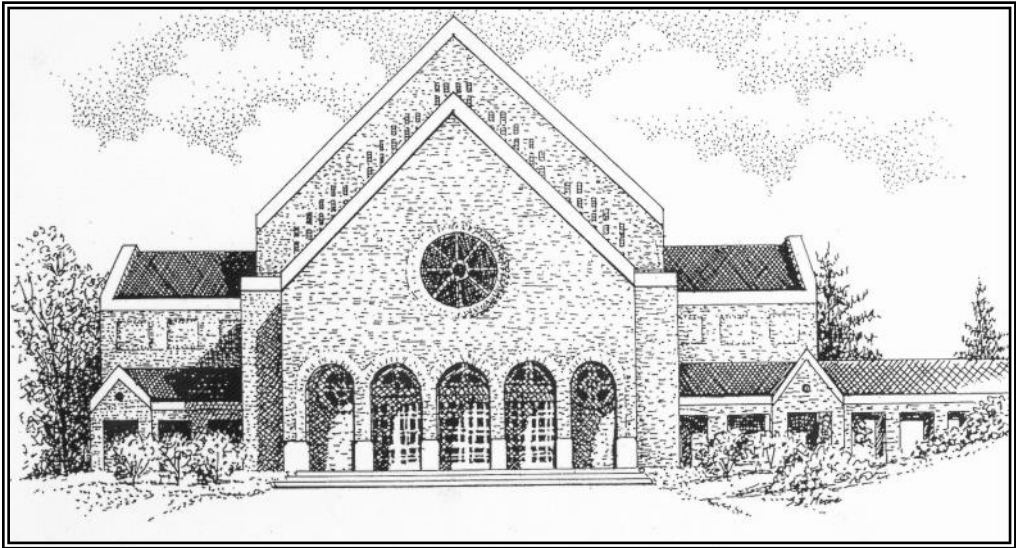


The Lord's Day
March 11, 2018



“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, March 11

9:30 AM Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service

Tuesday, March 13

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, Fellowship Room

Wednesday, March 14

5:00 PM Midweek Dinner, Multipurpose Room
5:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:45 PM Children's Choir, Fellowship Room
6:00 PM Men's Prayer and Bible Study, Conference Room
6:15 PM Children's Catechism, Children's Classrooms
6:15 PM Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room
6:15 PM Midweek Program, Tim Kellers' "Gospel in Life", Multipurpose Room
6:15 PM Youth Group, Youth Room
7:15 PM Vocal Ensemble, Choir Room

Thursday, March 15

6:30 AM Gathering of Men for prayer and study, Sanctuary room 8
3:00 PM Hands of Faith, Conference Room
5:30 PM Diaconate Meeting, Room 8
6:30 PM Session Meeting, Fellowship Room

Sunday, March 18

9:30 AM Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
10:45 AM Morning Worship Service
12:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Prelude

Gathering Song

Glorious and Mighty

Majesty, your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars—
Marveling, we honor and fear you
Above all gods.

(Chorus)

Glorious and mighty, you're awesome in beauty,
Joyful songs we raise.
Glorious and mighty, you're awesome in beauty,
Greatly to be praised.

Majesty, you fashioned the heavens,
Your decrees can never be changed.
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign—

(Chorus)

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When you come again in the clouds.
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God.

(Chorus)

Text: Joel Sczebel, Todd Twining, and Bob Kauflin

Music: Joel Sczebel and Todd Twining

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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: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

ALL: Let us bless our God; let the sound of His praise be heard from our lips.

Psalm 67:1

Hymn of Adoration

Rejoice, the Lord is King

No. 310

Prayer of Adoration (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

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

(Chorus 1) At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of you; I'm in awe of you.
Where your love ran red, and my sin washed white;
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.
And there my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

(Chorus 2) At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of you; I'm in awe of you.
Where your love ran red, and my sin washed white;
I owe all to you, I owe all to you.

(Bridge) Here, my hope is found; here, on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide; here, you saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.

(Chorus 3) At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of you; I'm in awe of you.
Where your love ran red, and my sin washed white;
I owe all to you, I owe all to you,
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus.

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Corporate Confession of Faith

Rev. Francis

Minister: Are the Lord's general revelations in the natural world or the natural abilities of our own minds sufficient to lead us to a proper understanding of God and the way of salvation?

ALL: No. Though our natural understanding and the works of creation and providence clearly show God's goodness, wisdom, and power in such a way that human beings have no excuse for not believing in him, these means alone cannot provide that knowledge of God and of his will which are necessary for salvation.

Minister: How then does God reveal this knowledge?

ALL: In the early centuries, it pleased the Lord at different times and in various ways to reveal himself and his will for his church. Afterwards it pleased him to put this entire revelation into writing so that the truth might be better preserved and the church more securely established and comforted.

Adapted From Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 1.1

GOD GRACIOUSLY RENEWS OUR HEARTS

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are neither worthy of the riches and blessings of this life nor the glory of your Word. Our hearts have been hard to your instruction and correction. Our minds have been arrogant and independent. Forgive us. Help us to seek you with contrite hearts. Reign in us by your Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

Silent Confession of Sin

Pastoral Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

For through Christ we...have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:18-20

(Following the prayer, children 4 yrs. — Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church meeting downstairs in Room 3.)

The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Youth and Sanctuary Choirs

Make a Joyful Noise

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Make a joyful noise until the Lord, all ye lands.
If you have joy, then make a joyful noise,
make a joyful noise unto the Lord.*

*Psalm 100
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GOD RENEWS OUR MINDS

Sermon

Dr. Craig Sheppard

The Heart of Spiritual Affection, part 1 of 3:

Psalm 37:1-7

(Pew Bible Page 466)

The Heart of Spiritual Affection, part 1 of 3:

The Surrendered Heart

Ps. 37:1-7a

Sunday, March 11, 2018

I. The Common Christian Experience

II. The Surrendered Heart

A. The surrendered heart _____

vv. 1, 7b

B. The surrendered heart _____

vv. 3, 5

Further markers:

1. _____, v4

2. _____, v5

C. The surrendered heart _____

v.7

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Hymn of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be

No. 585

(Verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

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.

Text: Thomas Ken

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551, alt.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Midweek dinner** is at **5:00PM** and the *Gospel In Life* class by Tim Keller follows at 6:15PM. There is no cost for the dinner, however, donations are gladly welcomed to help offset the cost of food and supplies.

*Mid-Week Menu: Old Fashioned Chicken Stew, Biscuits,
Full Salad Bar, Ice Cream*

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs. Linda Sease** to our church ministry staff as our new **Music & Congregational Care Assistant**. Originally from Webster, South Dakota and a graduate of South Dakota State University and Western Carolina University, Linda is a retired math teacher with Buncombe County Schools who has also worked with Guest Services at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove. Linda is a member our Sanctuary Choir, Vocal Ensemble, and Handbell Choir. She is married to Mike and they have grown children: Lindsey and Tim.

The Ladies Book club will be reading **The Hiding Place** by Corrie Ten Boom for our next book. We will meet March 19th, April 9th and 23rd, and May 7th to discuss. We will cover only 3 chapters at each meeting in order to have time for rich discussion. We will continue to meet at Heather Wright's home, 9 Holly Ridge Drive. Asheville (in Oak Forest) from 7-8:30pm. We'd love for any of you ladies to join us. If you have questions, call or text Sheila Wright at 828-708-2456.

Come join us for Mother's Morning In! It is a casual time of fellowship from 9AM-10:30AM at the home of Lori Francis and meeting every other Wednesday morning. The next gathering is March 21st. There is a babysitter provided. Come have a cuppa coffee and visit with friends! **Contact Lori** for directions and more info at: thefrancisfam@gmail.com

The SUPER Saints Luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 22 at 12:30PM in the Multipurpose Room. Rev. Doug Tilley will be our guest speaker. After 36 years of pastoral ministry, Rev. Tilley retired from Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church due to Lou Gehrig's disease. He and his wife Cathy are living testimonies of what God can do in a person's life during difficult times. **Please RSVP by Monday, March 19** at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or by calling Phyllis Fleming at (684-9050), the Church at (684-7221 x 312) or email ardensecretary@gmail.com.

If you have **Faith Promise Pledge** cards to turn in, you may either place them in the offering plate or in the box at the Welcome Center.

Mark your calendars for the **Arden Easter Egg Hunt Outreach Event on March 31** from 10 AM - Noon. We have over 7,000 empty Easter eggs to fill! You can participate by donating candy in the foyer (individually wrapped candy, small enough to fit in an egg, and nut free). We will also have a 22 foot inflatable slide (adults allowed), face painting, coffee and donuts and most importantly, the Gospel will be presented. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun morning full of family activities.

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. Detailed information about the retreat is available at the APC web site under the Men's Ministry section or contact Jerry at wingderm@aol.com.

Join MTW and John and Elizabeth Sexton May 12th - 19th on a Missions Trip to Montana Reserve in Canada. During this time the MTW team will be hosting a community parenting conference with programs for adults, youth, and children, and will address issues from a Christ-centered perspective that are prevalent on the reserve, such as poverty, addiction, suicide, and hopelessness as they share the hope of the gospel. If interested, please contact **John or Elizabeth at erhsexton@gmail.com or 828-651-9435.**

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. Detailed information is available at the APC web site under Upcoming Missions Opportunities. Contact Dr. Jerry Ariail at wingderm@aol.com for any additional information."

Arden's Mission Trip to Bulgaria is scheduled for July 6-15. There is currently space for three people. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Craig Sheppard. **You can read more online at www.ardenpresinfo.org/bulgaria**

Easter time is another great time to remember our **Homebound Friends** with a card. Please pick up a current list at the Welcome Table and mail your cards(s) in time for Easter. Please sign your name saying you are from Arden Presbyterian Church as many of the people who send cards may be unknown to the Homebound Friend. Thank you so much for taking time to remember these dear friends.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Offering for March 4: \$27,460.46

| | Mar. Giving | YTD Giving | YTD Expense | YTD Difference |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$27,460 | \$205,041 | \$211,852 | (\$6,810.08) |
| Mercy Fund | \$493 | \$4,448 | \$5,363 | (\$914.90) |
| Faith Promise | \$4,107 | \$28,430 | \$33,725 | (\$5,295.47) |
| Building | \$221 | \$1,491 | \$276 | \$1,215.03 |

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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"The flowers today are given to the glory of God, in recognition of those who visit our Homebound Friends and especially Pastor Dwight ."

Save these dates for All Church events:

March 22: SUPER Saints Luncheon

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

April 15: Pastor Dwight's installation as Associate Pastor

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9:30AM-10:15AM
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Worship Service
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