

**The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 10, 2019 - 10:55 AM Service**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship God.

Reflection
"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" - Isaiah 6:8

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." - Hudson Taylor

"To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with him." - John Piper

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Be Thou My Vision Young

Call to Worship Psalm 67:1-4

Hymn of Praise, #447 Christ for the World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN

Invocation (concluded by 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead: I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic church: the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen.

Mission Update

Hymn of Preparation, #444 O Zion Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling
TIDINGS

Offertory Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation Joseph Martin
Please pass and sign the welcome pads during this time.

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon Comfort Zones Rev. Keith Ackerman

Hymn of Response, #448 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
JESUS SAVES

Benediction

Postlude Jesus Shall Reign Halton

If you have a physical or spiritual need, or a concern for the upcoming week, there are elders available to pray with you immediately following the service. The prayer room is located behind the piano area.

Worship care ministries for infants-four year olds are located on the first floor of the education building during the 8:30 and 10:55 services. All members and visitors are required to pick up a parent pager when arriving. Students that are kindergarten age and older remain in the worship service.

We extend love and sympathy to Marsha Keeter on the passing of her father, Marshal Agner on February 6, 2019, and to Jim Todd on the passing of his wife, Starr Todd on February 8, 2019.

**First ARP Construction Update
Week of 2/10/19**

This week at First ARP the roof insulation and exterminator treatment was completed in the Welcome Center. Also, brick was set and stone was laid over the windows and doors and all inspections were passed. On the Multipurpose Building, approximately 215 yards of concrete were poured for the floor, all inspections were passed, and the exterminator treatment was completed. Let us praise the Lord for what He is doing at First ARP Church!

Names	Prayer Concerns
Carlton Dixon	Angioplasty on 2/21
Gene Hanna	Health concerns
Sybil Hollowell	Health concerns
Brice Huffstetler	Health concerns
Marsha Keeter and family	Passing of father, Dr. Marshal Agner on 2/6
Joe Knowles	Recovering from fall - at Belaire Healthcare Center
Vicki Marsh	Cataract surgery 2/12
Rita McCurry	Recovering from a heart attack - at home
Ben Morrow	Health concerns
Greg Starnes	Recovering from neck surgery on 1/31
Betty Stowe	Health concerns
Jim Todd and family	Passing of Starr on 2/8
Walter & Betty Windley	(Walt Windley's grandparents) health concerns

Prayer Needs

Prayer Requests:

Prayer of Belief:
Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.
(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church officer up front, or let one of the pastors know.)

- **Financial Pledge Update** - Last year we received 126 Faith Promise Pledge cards with a total of \$221,694 pledged toward our 2018-2019 Faith Promise Budget. Through this budget we have been able to support 26 missionary families and over 23 mission organizations/ministries. Today, you have an opportunity to join in supporting these missionaries and mission organizations by turning in your 2019-2020 Faith Promise Pledge card. Cards are available in the pew racks and the narthex. Thank you for supporting the 2019-2020 Faith Promise Mission Budget of our church, which will run from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

- **New Ladies' Spring Sunday School Class Begins Sunday, Feb. 17** - Join Sabrina Kuiken and Tracy Thomason for the study of Proverbs in Room 311.

- **Inquirer's Class** - For those interested in learning more about First ARP, the next Inquirer's Class will begin next Sunday, Feb. 17. Please RSVP to Nancy Peeler (npeeler@firstarpchurch.org).

- **Spring Qtr. Children's Teachers in SS or Worship Care** - An orientation will be provided next Sunday at 12pm in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

- **Communicant's Class** - begins next Sunday, Feb. 17 for third-fifth graders during the Sunday School hour. Contact joliphant@firstarpchurch.org to enroll your child. The group will meet in the Extello Room on the 2nd floor.

- **Bonclarken and Bonclarken Camps Program** - This Wednesday, Feb. 13, we will have a covered dish dinner at 5:30pm (bring a side dish or dessert; church is providing the main course) with the program following at 6:30pm. Chip Sherer, President of Bonclarken, Trip McGill and Lynn Grimsley will be on hand and David Hooks will lead everyone in our camp songs! Any counselors, CITs and campers from our church and the surrounding area are encouraged to attend. The program is for all ages. Childcare and preschool programming will be provided for ages 4 and younger. K-5th graders will join their family in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Save the Date: First ARP's Annual Marriage Conference!** March 29-30, 2019. RSVP to Nancy Peeler at npeeler@firstarpchurch.org.

- **Men's Softball Sign Ups** - We are joining the Gaston County Rec. League for the 2019 Men's Softball League. We need between 11-14 men to sign up. The cost will depend on the number who sign up (\$25-\$30). The season runs from April-June. If you are interested in playing, please email Billy Marino at wmarino13@yahoo.com.

Welcome to our church community. To receive our newsletter and other mailings, please print clearly and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____ I would like more information about:

Email: _____ Learning about Christianity

Spouse: _____ Becoming a Church Member

Spouse's Email: _____ Sunday School Community

Children: _____ Journey Groups

Mailing Address: _____ Serving on Sunday Mornings

_____ Please add me to the following lists:

_____ Weekly Email Blast

_____ Monthly Newsletter

_____ Children's Ministry Newsletter

_____ Youth Ministry Newsletter

Preferred Phone: _____ Ladies' Circles

SESSION

Matt Kuiken, Moderator	Jeff Morrison, Vice Moderator	Rick Craig, Clerk
2019	2020	2021
Rick Craig	Micah Bomgaars	John Connor
Mark Forbes	Ellis Fisher	Ken Henry
Mike Foster	Gene Martin	Morris Keeter
David Jennings	Truscott McLearn	David W. Smith, III
Ben Morrow	Gary Miller	Joe Summerville
		2022
		Fred Caldwell
		Vincent Cherry
		Andy Dyksterhouse
		Walter Payne
		Bob Rouse

ELDERS EMERITUS

Bob Barnhill	Joe Knowles
Tom Campbell	Tete Pearson
Maurice Canaday	Bob Sytz
Charles Ferguson	Joe West
Gene Hanna	Oscar Whitescarver
Brice Huffstetler	

DIACONATE

2019	2020	2021
Russell Cox	Matt Adams	Brian Cerilli
Craig Curtis	Tom Balsom	Mike Harwell
Todd Friday	Gene Barber	Shawn Hubers
Eric Riley	Robert Heussy	David Jansen
Brad Wilson	Frank Hinson	Billy Marino
Danny Wilson	Chris McKay	Rob Parker
		Greg Starnes

TRUSTEES

2019	2020	2021
Bob Sytz	Bob Barnhill	Wade Huss

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Bill Kelly.....Chairman
Rick Craig.....Secretary
Jerry Best.....Treasurer
Alice Auten.....Asst. Treasurer

FIRST ARP WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Gayle Goodrich.....President
Jenny Morrow.....Past President
Bonnie Jansen.....Recording Secretary
Alice Auten.....Treasurer

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The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend Deep roots into God's Word and Wide Reach into God's World.

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