

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 3, 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

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.” - Proverbs 22:1

“I am called a Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.” - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 32

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Isaiah 52:7,9-10
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Break forth together into singing,
The LORD has bared his holy arm,
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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.

Song of Praise His Mercy Is More Boswell, Papa

Confession of Sin
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Though Christ, or Lord. Amen.

[In these quiet moments, we admit to God our sins and doubts, and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to cleanse us, forgive us, redirect our lives, and grant us renewed faith.]

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Mission Update Ancil Overby - Director, Crisis Pregnancy Center

Song of Preparation Psalm 46 (Lord Of Hosts) Barnard, Miller

Offertory Please pass and sign the welcome pads during this time.

Scripture Reading Acts 11:19-26

Sermon A Kingdom Focus Rev. Matt Kuiken

Song of Response Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Benediction

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 Rita McCurry on the passing of her son, Tim McCurry on January 25, 2019 and to Marsha Keeter on the passing of her mother, Mildred Agner on January 31, 2019.

First ARP Construction Update
Week of 2/3/19
This week at First ARP the installation of the dry wall in the Welcome Center was completed and copper flashing was installed. Workers also reworked the parking lot entrance and prepped for stucco application. Regarding the Ministry Center, final preparations were made for the concrete slab and all the sewage lines were connected to the city sewer system. Thank the Lord for workers who don’t mind the cold!

Table with 2 columns: Names, Prayer Concerns. Lists names like Gene Hanna, Brice Huffstetler, Marsha Keeter, etc., and their corresponding prayer concerns.

Acts 11:19-26

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Prayer Needs

Prayer Requests:

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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.)

- **First ARP Missions Conference** - *"And Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" -Mark 16:15*
Saturday, Feb. 9 - Catered dinner at 5:30pm with the Ackermans and Cottens sharing. (See bulletin insert to sign up before the Feb. 4 deadline.)
Sunday, Feb. 10 - Dr. Ackerman will preach at both services and both couples will share during Sunday School.
- **Financial Pledge Update** - Last year we received 126 Faith Promise Pledge cards with a total of \$221,694 pledged towards our 2018-2019 Faith Promise Budget which runs from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. Through this budget we have been able to support 26 missionary families and over 23 mission organizations/ministries. Next Sunday, Feb. 10, you will have an opportunity to join in supporting these missionaries and mission organizations by turning in your 2019-2020 Faith Promise Pledge card. There will be cards available in the pew racks and in 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.
- **No Youth Group** tonight due to 180 Weekend.
- **Men's Bible Study of Isaiah** - Come join us at Panera Bread every Thursday from 6:30-7:30am for a time of Bible study and fellowship. We have just begun a study of the book of Isaiah. For more info., contact Mike Foster at 704-867-5439.
- **"Confess, Believe, Receive"** - Bring your children to our Feb. 9 Missions Program where there will be age-graded programming for preschool and elementary children; childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers.
- **Big Smile Sunday** - is next Sunday! Send \$5.00 to Sunday School with your children for our Haiti Smile Banks..
- **2019 Communicant's Class** - begins Sunday, February 17 for children in grades 3-5. Contact joliphant@firstarpchurch.org if you would like your son or daughter to participate.
- **Inquirer's Class** - For those interested in learning more about First ARP, the next Inquirer's Class will begin Feb. 17. Please RSVP to Nancy Peeler (npeeler@firstarpchurch.org).
- **Bonclarken and Bonclarken Camps Program** - On 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) followed by the program 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.

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 | 2022 |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rick Craig | Micah Bomgaars | John Connor | Fred Caldwell |
| Mark Forbes | Ellis Fisher | Ken Henry | Vincent Cherry |
| Mike Foster | Gene Martin | Morris Keeter | Andy Dyksterhouse |
| David Jennings | Truscott McLearn | David W. Smith, III | Walter Payne |
| Ben Morrow | Gary Miller | Joe Summerville | Bob Rouse |

ELDERS EMERITUS

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
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| 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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