

**The Worship of God
Transfiguration
March 3, 2019 - 8:30 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

“The secret formula of the saints: When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord’s choicest wines.” - Samuel Rutherford

“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.” - Jeremiah Burroughs

“[Believers] have joy and comfort—that joy that angels cannot give, and devils cannot take.” - Christopher Fowler

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1-6

Invocation

Songs of Praise Days Of Elijah Mark
Hear Our Praises Morgan

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Q&A 1
What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong -
body and soul,
in life and in death-
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Testimony of Grace Debbie Hobson

Prayer of Intercession (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.

Offertory The Well Hall, West
Please pass and sign the welcome pads during this time.

Scripture Reading Acts 16:25-34

Sermon Worlds Colliding Rev. Dr. Jeff Morrison

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Song of Response And Can It Be Campbell, Wesley

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.

The rose on the communion table celebrates the birth of Alexander Josiah Forbes, born to Katy-Barnes Forbes on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Mark and Betsy Forbes are the proud grandparents and Rick and Vicki Hodges are the proud great grandparents.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gene Hanna.

We extend love and sympathy to Anne Hanna and family on the passing of Gene Hanna on February 24, 2019, and to Susan and John Williams and family on the passing of Barbara Sanford on February 26, 2019.

The Lord’s Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, repented of their sins, and are professing members in good standing in a Christian Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church. If you have any questions about partaking of this meal, please speak to one of our elders. Covenant children are asked to refrain from partaking until they have been received into communicant membership by the elders.
*(Each communion bread tray has individually wrapped **Gluten-free** communion wafers.)*

Names	Prayer Concerns
Anne Hanna and family	Passing of Gene Hanna
Sybil Hollowell	Health concerns
Brice Huffstetler	Health concerns
Joe Knowles	At home
Rita McCurry	Health concerns
Ben Morrow	Health concerns
Tete Pearson	Recovering from surgery
Betty Stowe	Health concerns
Susan Williams and family	Passing of Barbara Sanford

Acts 16:25-34

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.)

- **2019-2020 Financial Pledge** - Last year we received 126 Faith Promise pledge cards totaling \$221,694. We supported 26 missionary families and over 23 mission organizations/ministries. You now have an opportunity to join us by turning in your 2019-2020 Faith Promise pledge card (available in pew racks and narthex). Thank you for your support.
- **Love Life Charlotte** - Next Sunday we welcome Love Life Charlotte, a pro-life organization to participate in our worship services as we recognize the Sanctity of Human Life. Look for details in the e-mail blast.
- **New Ladies Spring Sunday School** - Join Sabrina Kuiken and Tracy Thomason for the study of Proverbs at 10am today in Room 311.
- **Parents, Have You Told Us What You Think?** - Our children's ministry survey is open for responses through March 10. Fill out online or grab a copy on campus.
- **Wednesday Night Electives** - Come join us Wednesday night at 6:30pm for Adult Elective classes.
- **Club 45!** - Fourth and Fifth Graders! Sunday, March 17; it's all about green! Bring a bag lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Pick-up is at 2:00pm.
- **Take It Off the Table!** - We will be "house-cleaning" this week in our children's ministry! Gently used games, crafts and storage containers could be yours. Take anything "off the table" on the ground floor next Sun., March 10!
- **No Youth Group Tonight** - due to the High School Retreat this weekend.
- **Sermon on the Mount Bible Study** - This 9 week study began Feb. 28 at 12:30pm. Purchase the book at Lifeway and contact Nancy Peeler to register, npeeler@firstarpchurch.org.
- **Ladies' Precept Study on James** (led by Kay Roberts) begins Tuesday, March 5 at 10am. Contact Nancy Peeler (npeeler@firstarpchurch.org) to register and pre-order your book.
- **Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday** - Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 9.

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: _____ Women's Ministries Opportunities

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
Brice Huffstetler	Oscar Whitescarver

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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