

**The Worship of God
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 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

“I will build my church.” - Jesus

“The time for waiting is past! The hour of God has struck! In God’s holy name let us arise and build! We will not build on the sand, but on the bedrock sayings of Christ, and the gates and minions of hell shall not prevail against us.” - C.T. Studd

“The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials. But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift up our hearts to God.” - Jim Cymbala

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation - Johnson

Choral Call to Worship We Fall Down Tomplin/Larson
Youth Choir

Hymn of Praise, #605 All The Way My Savior Leads Me ALL THE WAY

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 Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. 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 Ephesians 2:8

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Celebration of Community

Hymn of Preparation, #94 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
(vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

Offertory We Believe Philip Biedenbender
Please pass and sign the welcome pads during this time.

Scripture Reading Acts 28:17-31

Sermon Unfolding Glory - Without Hindrance Rev. Matt Kuiken

Hymn of Response, #693 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

Benediction

Postlude A Joyous Postlude Mallard

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 Sandy Miller and family on the passing of Gerald Dan “Jerry” Miller on April 1, 2019.

**First ARP Construction Update
Week Ending 4/7/19**

This week in the Welcome Center, footing was poured and construction of the retaining wall began. In the Multipurpose Building/Offices, the installation of 6” insulation panels on the roof began, erosion control was upgraded, installation of HVAC duct work began, and electricians, plumbers, and brick masons continued working. Plans are to have the building “dried in” next week so that work can continue even if it is raining. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Names	Prayer Concerns
Sarah Ellen Carson	Upcoming MRI and ultrasound
Loretta Horne	Health concerns
Brice Huffstetler	Health concerns
David & Leighann Kayler	Medical and other needs
Ann Lovell	Carpal tunnel surgery 4/8
Sandy Miller & family	Passing of Jerry on 4/1
Ben Morrow	Health concerns
Syl Potter	Arm surgery
Penny Wilson	Injured back

Acts 28:17-31

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.)

Announcements

- **Elder/Deacon Recommendations** - are due Sunday, April 21. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please contact Wanda in the church office. Additional recommendation forms are available in the narthex.
- **Women’s Ministries** will be hosting the Good Portion Seminar this afternoon from 4:30 - 6:00pm in Room 313. Sarah Koh will be teaching on Growing in Prayer. Come join us! In order to have materials prepared, please let Betsy Forbes know if you’re coming (704-718-0026).
- **Lenten Lunch and Worship** - First Baptist will be the location on Wednesday, April 10. Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon (\$6 per person) and Rev. Juston Smith from First Methodist will begin speaking at 12:30.
- **Holy Week 2019 Services - *Maundy Thursday Service*** - April 18 at 6pm; ***Good Friday Service*** - April 19 at 7pm; **Sunrise Service** - April 21 at 6:30am in the courtyard; and ***Easter Sunday Worship*** - April 21 at 8:30 & 11am with no Sunday School. If you need childcare during either one of our Holy Week Services, please email Rebecca Maney (rmaney@firstarpchurch.org). Care is provided for ages four and younger.
- **Register Now!** - for our annual Church Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Harold and Betty Stowe on Saturday, April 20 from 4-6pm. The registration link is on our church website, Facebook page, and weekly E-blast.
- **Our Baskets are Filling Up** - but there is still time to donate plastic eggs, non-chocolate candy and already-filled eggs!
- **Volunteers are Still Needed for Both Egg Hunts!** - Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 20. Contact Rebecca Maney (rmaney@firstarpchurch.org).
- **We Finish Up “The First 25” Kids Catechism** - this Wed. night! Keep the catechism books that children brought home; we will use them again this fall.
- **2019 Volunteer Work Week at Bonclarken** - Volunteers are needed to help with housekeeping projects as well as construction, building, etc. For more information, see weekly E-blast or *The Link*. If you have questions, please contact Michael Dill, Bonclarken, 828-692-2223.

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	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

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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