

INVITATION... How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord! This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence! Happy are those who find their strength in you. Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE — ALL ARE WELCOME HERE... No matter your circumstances, your background, or your reason for being here, you are welcome. We believe the church is the perfect place for imperfect people! If you are looking for a church family and home, we invite you to join us each Sunday morning.

OUR MISSION... "We are a dedicated community of believers that endeavors to demonstrate God's love to the world in which we live and serve."

WE ARE THREE CHURCHES WITH ONE CONGREGATION... we are all brothers and sisters together in Christ; we worship together every Sunday: first and third Sundays at Arvon, second and fourth at Fork Union and fifth Sundays at Trinity

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH... meet at 1:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, in Fork Union. All members and friends are invited.

TWO CENTS A MEAL... is part of the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program. Please use the donations box in the entry way.

FUN & FLEX ...will meet at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, August 29th at Fork Union, choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH... we share in our Fabulous Fellowship Breakfast® at 9:30 am in the Arvon Fellowship Hall! Join us !

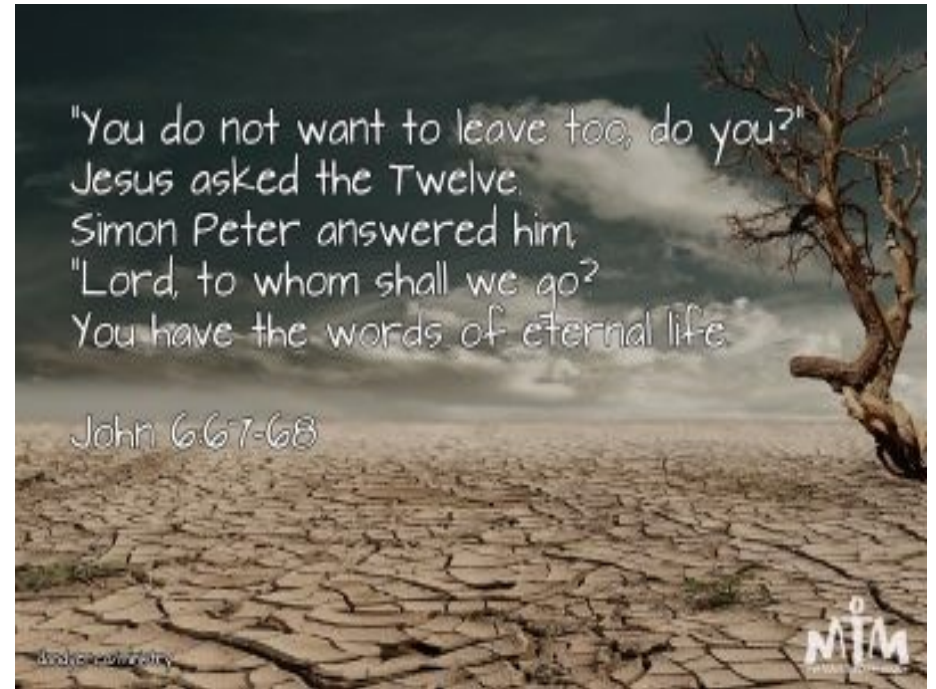
Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 25 th : Sherrie Sykes	September 11 th : Albert Fuqua
August 27 th : Andrew LeSueur	September 18 th : Helen Fuqua
September 8 th : Rob Bishop	September 20 th : Rebekah Seay & Stewart Critzer
September 8 th : Heather D. Shiflett	September 20 th : Becky Goodman
September 9 th : Sarah Goss Bell	September 22 nd : Ed and Debbie Rudiger
September 9 th : Sherrie & Steve Sykes	September 23 rd : Madelyn Shiflett
September 11 th : Steve Sykes	September 23 rd : Reilly Yowell
September 13 th : Annette Johnson Shiflett	September 28 th : Claudia Griffen



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WELCOME



Fork Union Presbyterian Church

August 26th, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gathering

Ringling of the steeple bell, calling the faithful from the world into worship

Replenishing the baptismal font, reminding us we are all God's children

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:15-18

Greeting One Another and Life of the Parish

The Processional: Lighting of the Candles and Entry of God's Word

▼ **Our Invitation: The Beginning of the Worship Service**

*O day of God, draw nigh, in beauty and in power;
Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 34:15-22 (Responsive)

Leader: The LORD's eyes watch the righteous; his ears listen to their cries for help.

People: But the LORD's face is set against those who do evil, to eliminate even the memory of them from the earth.

Leader: When the righteous cry out, the LORD listens; he delivers them from all their troubles.

People: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he saves those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous have many problems, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

Leader: He protects all their bones; not even one will be broken.

People: But just one problem will kill the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be held responsible.

Leader: The LORD saves his servants' lives; all those who take refuge in him won't be held responsible for anything. Come, let us worship our God!

Opening Prayer

▲ **Hymn of Praise: # 454 – Blessed Jesus At Your Word**

▼ **Prayer of Confession**

God, our sun and shield: we may long to be in your house, but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there. Called to follow, we search for paths to take us back to our old ways; given the words of eternal life, we weakly proclaim the gospel to others; offered the path of salvation to walk

upon, we stumble down the rocky roads of our world. Forgive us, Guardian of our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit, so we may follow Jesus Christ, the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior...

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Ephesians 5:6-14

▲ **Gloria Patri**

The Word

▼ **First Scripture Reading – The Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

Special Music – Choir: “Where Could I Go?”

Second Scripture Reading – The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

▲ **Hymn of Reflection: # 327 O Word of God – Verses 1 & 2**

▼ **The Word Read – The Gospel: John 6:56-69**
The Word Proclaimed: “”

Our Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith – Belgic Confession, Article 25: The Fulfillment of the Law

We believe that the ceremonies and symbols of the law have ended with the coming of Christ, and that all foreshadowings have come to an end, so that the use of them ought to be abolished among Christians. Yet the truth and substance of these things remain for us in Jesus Christ, in whom they have been fulfilled. Nevertheless, we continue to use the witnesses drawn from the law and prophets to confirm us in the gospel and to regulate our lives with full integrity for the glory of God, according to the will of God.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (“Debts and debtors”)

Our Offering to God

▲ **Song of Praise: The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

▲ **Hymn of Commitment: # 320 Burgundy – I Am Thine**

The Sending

▲ **Charge and Blessing**

▲ **Choral Response (# 586)**

▲ **Extinguishing of the Candles and the Recessional into the World**