

Announcements

INVITATION... We are hungry, Lord! We come to church today with different types of hunger for you. Some of us have come here this morning eagerly, because we are hungry. Some of us have come because we know we should eat, even though we don't feel like it. Some of us are ravenous. And some of us have lost our appetite, and we don't even know why. And yet you have drawn us to your welcoming table, one and all, your arms open to embrace us just as we are. As we settle in this morning, fill us with your presence so that when we leave today, we can leave saying, "That is exactly what I needed!"

WELCOME... no matter your background, your circumstances or your reason for being here, you are welcome. Church is the perfect place for imperfect people!

WE ARE THREE CHURCHES WITH ONE CONGREGATION... we are all brothers and sisters together in Christ; worship with us *every* 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 WELCOME MS. SHIRLEY LEVINES... to the organist's bench this morning, our pastor is Joe Allmond, CRE

FUN & FLEX... 6:00 pm at Fork Union, Choir Rehearsal at 7:00

TWO CENTS A MEAL... Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program – collection box in the entryway.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, AUGUST 6th...IT IS OUR FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY... we enjoyed food and fellowship with our Fabulous Fellowship Breakfast[®] at 9:30 in the Arvon Fellowship Hall. Join us next month and bring a friend!

THANKS TO THE ARVON MEN... for a great breakfast!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 7th: Emily LeSueur, Theresa Buschmann

August 10th: Bob Miller

August 13th: Rebekah Seay Critzer

August 14th: Jean Griffin

August 18th: Sarah Lamb Yowell

August 20th: Bobby Jones

August 21st: Nancy Davies Mickles

August 23rd: Jo Jones, Sarah Brown

August 25th: Sherrie Sykes

August 27th: Andrew LeSueur

August 28th: Dot Harding

Welcome



Arvon Presbyterian Church

August 6th 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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The Gathering

Ringing 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: Luke 17:20-21

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**

*Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song, mid all the saints God's praises
prolong;*

*A song for your maker and ruler now raise, All children of Zion, rejoice and give
praise*

Call to Worship – Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Leader: “The LORD is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love. The LORD is good to everyone and everything; God's compassion extends, to all his handiwork!”

People: The LORD supports all who fall down, straightens up all who are bent low. All eyes look to you, hoping, and you give them their food right on time, opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways, faithful in all his deeds.

People: The LORD is close to everyone who calls out to him, to all who call out to him sincerely.

Leader: God shows favor to those who honor him, listening to their cries for help and saving them.

People: The LORD protects all who love him, but he destroys every wicked person.

People and Leader: My mouth will proclaim the LORD's praise, and every living thing will bless God's holy name forever and always.

Leader: Come. Let us worship our God!

Opening Prayer

▲ **Hymn of Praise: # 281 - Guide Me, Thou O Great Jehovah**

▼ **Prayer of Confession (Responsive)**

Leader: God of abundance, you have promised to provide us with more than mere survival; in seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers, we shall find an even more profound sustenance than human imagination could envision.

People: In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend these on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, of prettiness, and of veneer. We follow the urges to momentary

importance; to the notice of a fickle society more interested in noise and sparkle than in mundane sturdiness. We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths.

Leader: God of grace, we are hungry. God of mercy, quench our thirst.

People: Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we rely more upon our own human illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that these illusions separate us from you. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, in your abundance, in the covenant promises that you have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love you more than we love ourselves...

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Psalm 103: 8-13, 17-18

▲ **Gloria Patri**

The Word

▼ **First Scripture Reading – The Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-5**

Special Music - Choir: “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Second Scripture Reading – The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

▲ **Hymn of Reflection: # 165 - When in the Night I Meditate**

▼ **The Word Read – The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-23**

The Word Proclaimed: “Fish for dinner???”

Our Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith – The Belgic Confession - Article 3: The Written Word of God

We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered “by human will,” but that “men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God,” as Peter says. “Afterward our God—with special care for us and our salvation—commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit this revealed Word to writing. God, with his own finger, wrote the two tables of the law.” Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.

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

Our Offering to God

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

▲ **Hymn of Commitment: # 343 - Called As Partners in Christ's Service**

The Sending

▲ **Charge and Blessing**

▲ **Choral Response (# 586)**

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