

WELCOME



ARE YOU TRYING TO RESIST GOD'S GRACE?

ARVON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOINING IN WORSHIP WITH FORK UNION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2012
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Announcements

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.

WELCOME... no matter your background, your faith tradition, your circumstances or your reason for being here, you are welcome. We believe the church is the perfect place for imperfect people!

JESUS TIME... offers the younger children of our congregations the opportunity to worship in a special experience just for them. The children may leave with the adult leader after the special music.

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER... but worship with us often, please give prayerful consideration to becoming a member. See the pastor or an elder.

OUR ORGANIST... is Ms. Evelyn Watts, our pastor is Joe Allmond, CRE

TODAY IS AN ARVON SUNDAY... please make your offering check payable to Arvon Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH... 6:30 Session – All members of the congregation are welcome to share their voice in the governing of the church.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH..... 6:00 pm – Fun & Flexibility with Bob & Jan Fermoye

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH... it is Fellowship Sunday. We had a wonderful breakfast at 9:30 am and invite you to bring a friend next month – *“here there are no strangers, just friends we haven't met yet!”*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER... approved by Session, are as follows: March 11, 2012 – Fork Union, Maundy Thursday – April 5, 2012 – Fork Union, July 29, 2012 – Trinity, World Communion Sunday - October 7, 2012 – Arvon, Christmas Eve – December 24, 2012 – Fork Union

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS... for Arvon, Fork Union and Trinity Churches were approved by Session to be held Sunday, February 12, 2012, immediately following the worship service.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 6th: Austin Seay

February 8th: Jason Brown

February 11th: Dalton Shiflet

February 13th: Terrell Fuqua

February 14th: Randell Bashore

February 18th: Eunice Chambers

February 19th: Hamden (Buttons) Seay

February 24th: Janet Shelton

February 26th: Walter Shiflet

The Gathering

Ringling of the steeple bell, calling the faithful to worship

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

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

*Come, now is the time to worship... Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship... Come, just as you are before your God, Come....*

Call to Worship – Psalm 33:9-

Leader: When God spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was!

People: The LORD overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.

Leader: But the LORD's plan stands forever; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.

People: The nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy!

Leader: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees every human being.

People: From his dwelling place God observes all who live on earth.

Leader: God is the one who made all their hearts, the one who knows everything they do.

People: Kings aren't saved by the strength of their armies; warriors aren't rescued by how much power they have.

Leader: A warhorse is a bad bet for victory; it can't save despite its great strength.

People: But look here: the LORD's eyes watch all who honor him, all who wait for his faithful love, to deliver their lives from death and keep them alive during a famine.

Leader: We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.

People: Our heart rejoices in God because we trust his holy name.

All: LORD, let your faithful love surround us, because we wait for you.

Leader: Come brothers and sisters in Christ, let us worship our God!

Opening Prayer

▲ **Hymn of Praise: # 344 - Christ of the Upward Way**

▼ **Prayer of Confession: from Daniel 9:4-7, 10-11**

Please, my Lord—you are the great and awesome God, the one who keeps the covenant, and truly faithful to all who love him and keep his commands: We have sinned and done wrong. We have brought guilt on ourselves and rebelled, ignoring

your commands and your laws. We haven't listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, our parents, and to all the land's people. Righteousness belongs to you, my Lord! But we are ashamed this day... We didn't listen to the voice of the LORD our God by following the teachings he gave us through his servants, the prophets. We broke your Instruction and turned away, ignoring your voice. Then the curse that was sworn long ago—the one written in the Instruction from Moses, God's servant—swept over us because we sinned against God...

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: John 5:47-51

▲ **Gloria Patri (# 579)**

The Word

▼ **First Scripture Reading – The Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:25-30**

Special Music – Choir – “Love, Mercy and Grace”

Second Scripture Reading – The Epistle: Romans 8:12-16

▲ **Hymn of Reflection: # 426 - Lord Speak to Me (Verses 1-3)**

▼ **The Word Read – The Gospel: John 6:28-40, 44-45**

The Word Proclaimed – “When an irresistible force meets an immovable object” – Joe Allmond

Our Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: adapted from the Five Points of Calvinism – Irresistible Grace

The result of God's Irresistible Grace is the certain response by the elect to the inward call of the Holy Spirit, when the outward call is given by the evangelist or minister of the Word of God. Christ, himself, teaches that all whom God has elected will come to a knowledge of him. Men and women come to Christ in salvation when the Father calls them, and the very Spirit of God leads God's beloved to repentance. What a comfort it is to know that the gospel of Christ will penetrate our hard, sinful hearts and wondrously save us through the gracious inward call of the Holy Spirit!

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

Our Offering to God

▲ **Song of Praise: The Doxology (# 592) & Prayer of Dedication**

▲ **Hymn of Commitment: # 269 (Burgundy) Jesus Calls Us**

The Sending

▲ **Charge and Blessing**

▲ **Choral Response (# 586)**

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