

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EASTER

11:00 a.m. March 31, 2024

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *Sinfonia from Cantata 29*.....J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Let us worship our risen Savior together!

* Processional Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*.....HB No. 204

* Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and 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.

* Assurance of Pardon.....2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #45

Q: *How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

A: *First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.*

Anthem: *Gloria, from Twelfth Mass*.....Mozart

Sacrament of Baptism

** Children's MessageJon Oliphant

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *My Eternal King*.....Jane Marshall

* Doxology.....HB No. 544

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn: *Thine Is the Glory*.....HB No. 209

* Sermon Text.....Luke 24:1-12

Sermon.....*The Glory of Easter*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *Amazing Grace (2nd tune)*.....HB No. 275

* Benediction

* Choral Response: *Hallelujah Amen*.....G.F. Handel

Postlude: *Allegro Vivace*.....Mendelssohn

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***Children 4k— 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church.*

Inspired by the love of Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we serve God through worship, education and fellowship that we may proclaim His grace and share His love in the world.

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship here today.

Visitors are invited view our website www.firstarp.org for more information.

****If you would like to receive the regular church-wide communications via email and/or mail, please contact the church office with your information.****

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, March 31

Easter

8:30 a.m..... Prayer Time, parlor

9:00 a.m..... Worship Service

10:00 a.m..... Flowering of the Cross & Butterfly Release

11:00 a.m..... Worship Service

MONDAY, April 1

Church Office closed

6:30 p.m..... Ruth Circle

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 a.m..... Men's Ministry Prayer Team

10:00 a.m..... Women's Ministries Bible Study

5:30 p.m..... Missions Committee

WEDNESDAY, April 3

No Foundations for the Faith

THURSDAY, April 4

8:30 a.m..... First Thursday Prayer Team

10:00 a.m..... Deborah Circle

4:00 p.m..... Early Service Singers Rehearsal

SUNDAY, April 7

8:30 a.m..... Prayer Time, parlor

9:00 a.m..... Worship Service

10:00 a.m..... Sunday School

11:00 a.m..... Worship Service

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Easter and in honor of the baptism of Miles James Brakefield.

Looking Ahead

- **Special Easter Offering** TODAY you will find in your bulletin an envelope and pamphlet about this special offering that is used to support: ARP Foundation & Stewardship Ministries, Bonclarken, Outreach America, and World Witness.
- **Preschool Spring Donation Drive** April 8-19—please help support the preschool by donating items for classrooms, playground and gym. See weekly email for details and link to wishlist.
- **Missions Conference** April 13-14, joins us for dinner on Saturday at 5:30 pm. Executive Director of World Witness, Alex Pettett will join us as our guest speaker.
- **Appalachia Registration** Youth registration for the summer Appalachia mission trip is due by April 13. See Elijah Hoyer or weekly email for details.
- **Catawba WM Meet & Greet** Saturday, April 20 at Chester ARP. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. RSVP to Chester ARP by April 6—see weekly email for details.
- **Preschool Summer Camps** First ARP Preschool will host 4 weeks of summer camp this year. Registration deadline is May 17. See newsletter and/or weekly email for details.

FOR MORE DETAILS on these events and many others:

- Check out our *Newsletter* or *Weekly Update*
 - Call or email the church office:
803-327-2009 or lross@firstarp.org

From the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible

First Reading // 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Sermon Text // Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”⁸ And they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Anthem

Gloria from the *Twelfth Mass*

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Glorious is Thy Name, Almighty Lord;
All the angels stand, round about Thy throne;
Let all nations bow before Thee,
And declare Thy won'drous works.

We praise Thee, we give thanks to Thee!
We adore Thee, we glorify Thee!
Lord, we adore Thee, we bless Thee!
Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory!

Heav'n is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool;
Thou art King over all the world!
Glorious is Thy name, O Lord! Glorious is Thy name.
Blessing and honor be to God forever and evermore!

Offertory Anthem

My Eternal King

Words and music by Francis Xavier and Jane Marshall
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My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!
Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal King.

Miles James Brakefield,
son of Alex & Laura Brakefield, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the worship service today.

| General Fund 2024 | February 2024 | Jan-Dec 2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | \$75,989 | \$147,172 |
| Expenses | \$99,026 | \$165,977 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$23,037) | (\$18,805) |
| Budgeted Monthly | \$87,798 | — |

Usher Captains Jackson Emerson & Alex Simpson
Counters for today John Pearson & Chet Wingate
Greeting Jeffery Rutland & Tim Marshall
Worship Assistance Steve Southwell
Safety