

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. August 16, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude*.....Willan

Call to Worship.....Revelation 15:3-4

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

* Hymn of Praise: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*.....HB No. 1

* Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

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.....1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

* Confession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism #86*

Q. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: Why then must we still do good?

A. Christ has surely redeemed us by His blood. But we do good because Christ by His Spirit is also renewing us to be like Himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all He has done for us, and so that He may be praised through us.

And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-7

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *For He Is Our Peace*.....Stopford

* 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

**Children's Message.....Keith Ginn

* Hymn: *Breathe on Me Breath of God* HB. No 235

* Sermon Text..... John 10:14-18

Sermon *Why Have a Kingdom Mindset?*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Psalm of Dedication: *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*.....HB No. 503

* Benediction

* *Gloria Patri*.....HB No. 546

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Postlude: *Hornpipe*.....Handel

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***Children 4K through 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church.*

Sharing the lasting hope of Jesus Christ.

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, August 16

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

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

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

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

4:00 p.m..... Youth Group

5:30 p.m..... Youth Parent Meeting

MONDAY, August 17

7:00 p.m..... Session Meeting

TUESDAY, August 18

5:30 p.m..... Fostering the Family Night

6:30 p.m..... Diaconate Meeting

7:00 p.m..... Preschool Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 19

4:30 p.m..... Early Service Singers Rehearsal

5:30 p.m..... Teacher/Volunteer Dinner & Training

7:00 p.m..... Christian Education Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, August 20

9:30 a.m..... Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY, August 22

5:30 p.m..... Missions Conference

SUNDAY, August 23

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

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

10:00 a.m..... Sunday School; Mission Teams Debrief in Faith Room

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

4:00 p.m..... Youth Group

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my daughter, Lori Dills Whisonant, on her birthday by Kathy Hyatt.

Looking Ahead

- **Fostering the Family Nights** will start Tuesday, August 18, if you are interested in hearing more and helping, see Shellie Sloop or Ann Marie Blackmon.
- **Missions Conference** Dinner and panel discussion at 5:30 on August 22 followed by a presentation from the Dearborn and Appalachia Mission Teams at 10 am on Sunday, August 23. Please RSVP for the dinner.
- **Men's Breakfast** Saturday, August 29 at 9 a.m. all men are invited!
- **Single Service Sunday & New Member Breakfast** Sunday, August 30 we will have a covered-dish breakfast in honor of our newest members from the last 2 years. This will be followed by a 10 am worship service.
- **Women's Ministries Kickoff** Sunday, August 30 at 2:30 pm, all ladies invited!
- **Women's Ministries Fall Bible Studies** begin Tues, September 8 at 10 am and Thurs, Sept 10 at noon. The Tuesday group will be studying Joshua and the Thursday group will be studying Nehemiah. All ladies are welcome!
- **Inquirers Class** will begin another 4 week session on September 13 during Sunday School for anyone interested in joining or recently joined the church, learning more about the denomination, our history, and what we believe.
- **College Student Contact Info** If you are a college student or have a college student, please send us their school mailing address and email!

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 New King James Version of the Holy Bible

First Reading // Isaiah 42:1-7

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

³ A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth.
⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

⁵ Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,
Who gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk on it:

⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,

⁷ To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

Sermon Text // John 10:14-19

I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. ¹⁷ “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Anthem

For He Is Our Peace

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Ephesians 3:14-19; 2:14a
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For this cause I bow my knee unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heav’n and earth is named.
That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory,
To be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
That ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
May be able to comprehend with all saints,
What is the breadth and length and depth and height;

And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge,
That ye might be filled with the fullness of God.
For he is our peace, who hath made both one.

Usher Captain..... Mary Karen Dyer
Counters Landon Ard & Zachary Huskins
Greeting..... Max Smith & Tim Templeton
Worship Assistance..... Jamey Dagenhart
Safety..... Tim Templeton

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 7				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Ephesians 5:1-21	Ephesians 5:22-33	Ephesians 6:1-9	Ephesians 6:10-24	Read Sunday Sermon text Acts 1:8/Matt 25:31-40

General Fund 2026	July 2026	Jan-Dec 2026
Receipts	\$91,240	\$732,392
Expenses	\$86,339	\$659,139
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,901	\$73,253
Budgeted Monthly	\$105,489	—