

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. February 1, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*.....Wood

Call to Worship.....Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*.....HB No. 69

* 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.....Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Q&A #17 & Heidelberg Q&A #6

Q. 17 - How did God create man?

A. 17 - After God had made all other creatures, he created man male and female; formed the body of the man of the dust of the ground, and the woman of the rib of the man, endued them with living, reasonable, and immortal souls; made them after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness; having the law of God written on their hearts, and power to fulfil it, and dominion over the creatures; yet subject to fall.

Q. 6 - Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

Q. 6 - No, on the contrary, God created man good and in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify him.

Anthem: *Footsteps* Craig Courtney

**Children's Message..... Jon Oliphant

* First Reading..... Matthew 22:15-22

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*..... Callahan

* 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: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*..... HB No. 434

* Sermon Text Genesis 1:26-27

Sermon *The Image of God: The Real NIL*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*.....HB No. 496

* 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: *Celebration*.....Price

** 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, February 1

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

6:15 p.m. Handbell Practice

MONDAY, February 2

5:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

TUESDAY, February 3

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

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

WEDNESDAY, February 4

4:30 p.m. Early Service Singers Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Foundations for the Faith

6:15 p.m. GriefShare

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 5

8:30 a.m. First Thursday Prayer Team

10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Esther Circle

SUNDAY, February 8

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

6:15 p.m. Handbell Practice

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Looking Ahead

- **First ARP Preschool Book Drive** Jan 20—Feb 8 we are asking for donations of gently used preschool-aged books to build a library for books to “check-out”. Books can be dropped off outside the preschool office or in the Connector.
- **Inquirers Class** begins today during Sunday school for anyone interested in learning more about our church and denomination.
- **WM Bible Studies** starting Tuesday, February 3 at 10 am. The Thursday group started last week meeting at noon!
- **Galentine’s Gathering** Saturday, February 7 at 10 a.m. in Robinson Hall. Bring a friend and a snack!
- **Communicants Class** starts February 8, students 3rd-6th grade whose parents believe they’re ready. Contact Connie, Elijah or Jon to sign up.
- **Pictorial Directories** There are a *few* more pictorial directories available in the T-hall for those that didn’t get one for their family the first time. If you got your picture taken and still don’t have one, please come to the church office to let us know.
- **2026 Flower Calendar** There are still many slots available on the flower calendar for this year.
- **Missing Emails** If you are someone who once received the church-wide emails but suddenly stopped receiving them and haven’t received any since, please email our admin, Lauren Ross.

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 // Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Sermon Text // Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Anthem *Footsteps*

Lyrics by Jonathan Cook // Music by Craig Courtney

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I see His footsteps in the way,
And follow them through darkest night,
Unafraid I stumble not,
In the glow of perfect light, I see.

I walk in footsteps of His love,
And find His light leads on before,
Then He gently turns to me,
Softly whispers, “trust Me more.”
I walk, I walk.

Then as I follow in His way,
My path ahead will brightly shine,
For in His path of guiding light,
I find His footsteps first,
I find His footsteps first, then mine.

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 5				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
John 4:1-6	John 4:7-15	John 4:16-26	John 4:27-38	Read Sunday Sermon text Genesis 1:28-31

Usher Captains Beth Logan Roach
Counters for today Amber Graham & Alex Brakefield
Greeting Charles Robbins & Bill Altman
Worship Assistance Max Smith
Safety Bill Altman

General Fund 2025	December 2025	Jan-Dec 2025
Receipts	\$194,773	\$1,248,262
Expenses	\$84,593	\$1,078,101
Surplus (Deficit)	\$110,180	\$170,161
Budgeted Monthly	\$92,550	—