THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. March 10, 2024

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship……..Psalm 147:1-5

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

* Hymns for Worship and Praise:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....No. 55

All Must Be Well.....No. 5

* 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……..Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Confession of Faith—Heidelberg Q&A #84

Q. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and closed by the preaching of the gospel?
A. According to the command of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and publicly testified to each and every believer that God has really forgiven all their sins for the sake of Christ's merits, as often as they by true faith accept the promise of the gospel. The kingdom of heaven is closed when it is proclaimed and testified to all unbelievers and hypocrites that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them as long as they do not repent. According to this testimony of the gospel, God will judge both in this life and in the life to come.

Offertory

* Doxology

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……..Jon Oliphant

* Sermon Text……..Acts 4:1-22

Sermon……*Empowered in Jesus' Name*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*……..No. 65

* Benediction

* Congregational Response

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*
***Children through 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 10
- 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
- 5:30 p.m..... Youth Group

MONDAY, March 11
- 10:00 a.m..... Jeanie Alexander Prayer Group, LW Classroom
- 5:30 p.m..... Women's Ministries Board Meeting

TUESDAY, March 12
- 10:00 a.m..... Women's Ministries Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m..... Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 13
- 5:30 p.m..... Foundations for the Faith
- 6:15 p.m..... GriefShare
- 7:15 p.m..... Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 14
- 6:00 p.m..... Basketball Banquet
- 7:00 p.m..... Vision Team Meeting

FRIDAY, March 15
- 9:00 a.m..... Senior Connect Day, First Pres Columbia

SATURDAY, March 16
- 9:00 a.m..... Church Workday

SUNDAY, March 17
- 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
- 5:30 p.m..... Youth Group

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Johnny Logan on his birthday from his family, the Rutlands, the Popes and Linda Entrekin.

From the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible

Sermon Text // Acts 4:1-22

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the
temple and the Sadducees came upon them, [2] greatly annoyed because they
were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the
dead. [3] And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it
was already evening. [4] But many of those who had heard the word believed,
and the number of the men came to about five thousand.
[5] On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in
Jerusalem, [6] with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander,
and all who were of the high-priestly family. [7] And when they had set them in the
midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" [8] Then
Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and
elders, [9] if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a
crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, [10] let it be known to all
of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this
man is standing before you well. [11] This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by
you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. [12] And there is salvation in
no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by
which we must be saved."
[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they
were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized
that they had been with Jesus. [14] But seeing the man who was healed standing
beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. [15] But when they had
commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one
another, [16] saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has
been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and
we cannot deny it. [17] But in order that it may spread no further among the
people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." [18] So they
called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of
Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of
God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but
speak of what we have seen and heard." [21] And when they had further
threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of
the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. [22] For the man on
whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

For further study on today's sermon text:

Ezekiel 22:1-9

Looking Ahead

- **HOPE Month** March is HOPE Month—please bring non-perishables to the blue bin in the connector for Project Hope of Rock Hill.
- **Caterpillars & Butterflies** are available for children to take home and bring back on Easter for the butterflies to be released.
- **Basketball Banquet** Thursday, March 14 at 6 pm in Robinson Hall and the gym.
- **Church Workday** Saturday, March 16 starting at 9 the deacons will be hosting a church workday for all members to join in getting the church into it's best shape before Easter.
- **Easter Celebration Donations** There is a large basket in the connector for donations of candy, small stickers, toys, etc to fill eggs for our annual children's Easter celebration.
- **2024 Church Member Directory** The 2024 Member directories are in and available to be picked up in the T-hall and Connector.

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

Usher Captains .....Mike McQuinn & Jackson Emerson
Counters for today ..... Kay McKinney & Amber Graham
Greeting..... Jeff Lyon
Worship Assistance..... Jon Oliphant
Safety..... Max Smith

General Fund 2024	January 2024	Jan-Dec 2024
Receipts	$71,162	$71,162
Expenses	$66,951	$66,951
Surplus (Deficit)	$4,211	$4,211
Budgeted Monthly	$87,798	—