

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
9:00 a.m. September 7, 2025

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship.....Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

* Hymns for Worship and Praise:

Seek Ye First.....No. 58

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go.....No. 50

* Prayer of Adoration 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.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we come before You humbled by the reality of sin in our heart. We have sinned against you more times than we can count. We have worshipped the gifts You give rather than You the Giver. We have cared more about things on this earth than things above. Our words have not always been used to glorify You and build up others. Our thoughts have, at times, been wicked, selfish, and self-centered. Forgive us for all these sins, as well as others we do not realize we have committed. Remind us of Your steadfast love and faithfulness. Help us love You more. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Offertory

* 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

Moment for Testimony

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

* Sermon Text.....Lamentations 3:21-26

Sermon.....*Embracing the Lasting Hope of Jesus Christ*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....No. 95

* 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 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, September 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

2:00 p.m.GriefShare

5:00 p.m.Youth Group

MONDAY, September 8

10:30 a.m.Jeanie Alexander's Prayer Group, @ Simpson home

6:30 p.m.Ruth Circle, @ Ledford home

TUESDAY, September 9

6:30 p.m.Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 10

5:30 p.m.Foundations for the Faith

7:15 p.m.Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, September 11

2:00 p.m.Bible Study @ Westminster

6:30 p.m.Young Adult Bible Study

SATURDAY, September 13

7:00 a.m.Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, September 14

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

2:00 p.m.GriefShare

2:30 p.m.Women's Ministries Kickoff

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the beauty of His creation as we enter this season of fall.

Sermon Text // Lamentations 3:21-26

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

For further study on today’s sermon text:

Exodus 34:1-9

Looking Ahead

- **Preschool Supply Drive** September 7-21, help us play and learn at First ARP Preschool! Donations requests are posted in the Connector.
- **High School Fall Retreat** September 19-21 at Bonclarken. Contact Elijah Hoyer for info, registration due Sept 9!
- **Women’s Ministries Fall Kickoff** Sunday, September 14 at 2:30 pm in Robinson Hall. Bring your favorite tailgate dish to share!
- **Church-wide Retreat Registration** is open! The dates are October 17-19 at Bonclarken. Contact Nora Madsen for details.
- **Church Workday** Saturday, October 4 at 9 am.

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
Counters for today Ginger Smith & Scott Turner
Greeting Jeff Lesslie
Worship Assistance Jamey Dagenhart
Safety Max Smith & Bill Altman

General Fund 2025	July 2025	Jan-Dec 2025
Receipts	\$82,146	\$624,851
Expenses	\$74,302	\$609,097
Surplus (Deficit)	\$7,843	\$15,754
Budgeted Monthly	\$92,550	—