THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. June 2, 2024

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Processional Prelude*: Pomp and Circumstance*……..Elgar

Call to Worship .....Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever

***** Hymn of Praise: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*.....HB No. 131

* Prayer of Adoration 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.

Confession of Sin

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon.....Joel 2:12-13

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Anthem: *You Do Not Walk Alone*……Hagenberg

Recognition of Graduates

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

* First Reading..... Romans 12:1-2

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *Who at My Door Is Standing* ..... K. Lee Scott

***** 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: *The Church's One Foundation*……HB No. 437

* Sermon Text……Acts 14:8-23

Sermon……..*We Become Like What We Love*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

***** Hymn of Dedication: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*…….HB No. 310

***** Benediction

***** Choral Response: *Sevenfold Amen* ..... Stainer

Postlude: *Festive Trumpet Tune*……German

** 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, June 2
- 8:30 a.m. .....Prayer Time, parlor
- 9:00 a.m. .....Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. .....Worship Service; Graduation Sunday
- 5:30 p.m. .....Youth Group

TUESDAY, June 4
- 7:00 a.m. .....Men's Ministry Prayer Team

THURSDAY, June 6
- 8:30 a.m. .....First Thursday Prayer Team
- 4:00 p.m. .....Early Service Singers Rehearsal

SATURDAY, June 8
- 7:00 a.m. .....Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, June 9
- 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 by Samuel and Lyric Chapman in honor of their first wedding anniversary.

Looking Ahead

- **Reception** will immediately follow the service to celebrate the graduates.
- **Office Hours** Our office will be shifting hours for the summer to accommodate staff with kids. Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am—3:30 pm and Fri, 8:30 am—12:30 p.m.
- **Women's Summer Bible Study** Ladies, you're invited to a study of "*Saints & Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus*" by Nancy Guthrie. Starting June 13 at 10 am. Please see the monthly newsletter or Connie Kiser for more details!
- **Vacation Bible School: High Seas Adventure** June 24-27, registration is open for rising 4K-6th grade.

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 // Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sermon Text // Acts 14:8-23

[8] Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. [9] He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, [10] said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. [11] And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" [12] Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. [13] And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. [14] But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, [15] "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. [16] In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. [17] Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." [18] Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. [19] But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. [20] But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, [22] strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. [23] And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Anthem

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

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May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember when the shadows fall
You do not walk alone.

General Fund 2024	**April 2024**	**Jan-Dec 2024**
Receipts	$88,141	$342,101
Expenses	$85,033	$344,437
Surplus (Deficit)	$3,108	($2,335)
Budgeted Monthly	$87,798	—

Usher Captains..... Chet Wingate & Mike McQuinn
Counters for today.....Amber Graham & Sarah Marion
Greeting.....Jeffery Rutland & Jeff Lyon
Worship Assistance.....Steve Southwell
Safety.....

Offertory Anthem

Who At My Door Is Standing?

Mary Slade, 1875 // arr. K. Lee Scott

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Who at my door is standing,
There patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding?
Whose is the voice I hear?

Sweetly the tones are falling:
"Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling,
I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darken'd,
All filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy
For Christ to enter in.

Yet, the tones are falling;
"Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling,
I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten!
Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten,
He shall with me abide.

Sweetly the tones are falling:
"Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling,
I will abide with thee."

Lord God, I hear thee calling,
Come now, abide with me.
Dear Lord, abide with me!