

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. August 23, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *O God, Beyond all Praising*.....arr. Page

Call to Worship.....Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

* Hymn of Praise: *Lord of the Worlds Above*.....HB No. 14

* 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.....John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

First ReadingRomans 10:9-17

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *O Lord, Support Us, All the Day Long*.....Pote

* DoxologyHB 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

Moment for Missions

**Children's Message.....Connie Kiser

* Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*.....HB. No 416

* Sermon Text.....Matthew 25:31-46 & Acts 1:8

Sermon *How Do I Have a Kingdom Mindset: Part 1*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling*.....HB No. 491

* 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: *Old 113th*.....Greiter

** 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 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

10:45 a.m..... Called Session Meeting

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

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

MONDAY, August 24

5:30 p.m..... Women's Ministries Board Meeting

THURSDAY, August 27

6:30 p.m..... Just Joy Worship Service

SATURDAY, August 29

9:00 a.m..... Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, August 30

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

9:00 a.m..... New Member Breakfast

10:00 a.m..... Worship Service

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

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of our local mission agencies and the faithful work they do throughout our community.

Looking Ahead

- **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!
- **High School Fall Retreat** registration is open until Sept 7! Dates are Sept 25-27 at Bonclarken. See Elijah Hoyer for more details.
- **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:
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From the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible

First Reading // Romans 10:9-17

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Sermon Text // Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?'³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed,

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Following a called Session meeting this morning, the following folks were received into membership: Mike & Susan Bunce. Be sure to welcome them to the First ARP family!

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 8				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Philippians 1:1-11	Philippians 1:12-18	Philippians 1:19-30	Philippians 2:1-11	Read Sunday Sermon text Acts 1:8 & 13:1-3

Anthem
O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

arr. Allen Pote
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O Lord, support us all the day long,
Until the shadows lengthen and evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in thy great mercy grant us safe lodging,
And holy rest, and peace at the last,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Usher Captain Ginger Smith
Counters Landon Ard & Zach Huskins
Greeting Hill Muse & Tom Roper
Worship Assistance Keith Ginn
Safety Hill Muse

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	—