

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. September 13, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship.....Psalm 29:2

Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

* Hymns for Worship and Praise:

O God Our Help in Ages Past.....No. 87

Jesus Paid It All.....No. 36

* 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.....Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism #21

Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

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

**Children's Message.....Keith Ginn

* Sermon Text.....Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon.....*The Preeminence of Christ*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *All I Have Is Christ*.....No. 4

* 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 13

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

MONDAY, September 14

10:30 a.m..... Jeanie Alexander's Prayer Group

5:30 p.m..... Ruth Circle

TUESDAY, September 15

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

5:00 p.m..... Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 16

5:30 p.m..... Foundations for the Faith

7:15 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 17

9:30 a.m..... Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

12:00 p.m..... Women's Ministries Bible Study

SATURDAY, September 19

9:00 a.m..... Catawba Women's Ministries Fall Gathering

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Harold William Rhodes: son of Harold & Sylvia Rhodes, grandson of Harold & Eva Rhodes, and brother of Chris and Michele.

Sermon Text // Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

For further study on today's sermon text:

Psalm 110

Graham David Brakefield,
son of Alex & Laura Brakefield,
will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11 o'clock worship
service today.

Looking Ahead

- **Inquirers Class** we begin another 4 week session today during Sunday School for anyone interested in joining or recently joined the church, learning more about the denomination, our history, and what we believe.
- **Week of Prayer & Fasting** The General Synod has set this week as one for prayer and fasting for the purpose that the Lord would raise up laborers.
- **Preschool Supply Drive** Help us stock the preschool with items to keep our toys and teaching tools up-to-date! September 13-27, checkout the Connector for donation requests or go straight to our Amazon wish list!
- **World Witness Fellowship Dinner** Thursday, October 1 at Ebenezer ARP. See the Weekly Email for more details and RSVP link.
- **Church-wide Fall Retreat** October 16-18 at Bonclarken. Members can register with the church office or Nora Madsen, non-members can start registration on Sept 11. Registration deadline is Sept 24. Space is limited due other groups being at Bonclarken at the same time!
- **40th Celebration Service for Patrick Robinson** October 4 at 4 pm, join us to celebrate Patrick's 40 years of service!

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

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 11				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Colossians 1:15-23	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Colossians 2:6-15	Colossians 2:16-23	Read Sunday Sermon text Hebrews 2:17-18

Usher Captain Landon Ard
Counters John Pearson & Jan Stephenson
Greeting Jeff Lyon
Worship Assistance Jon Oliphant
Safety James McCallister & Max Smith

General Fund 2026	August 2026	Jan-Dec 2026
Receipts	\$107,647	\$840,374
Expenses	\$101,466	\$760,992
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,181	\$79,382
Budgeted Monthly	\$105,489	—