

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. October 4, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *Laudes Domini*.....Wood

Call to Worship.....Psalm 95:1-3

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with
songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

* Hymn of Praise: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*.....HB No. 41

* 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 Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #28

*Q. 28 - Wherein consisted Christ's exaltation?
A. 28 - Christ's exaltation consisted in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in
ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to
judge the world at the last day.*

Confession of Sin

*Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against You with my thoughts, words, and
actions. Too often I have had too small a view of You and too big a view of myself. I not
only break Your commands, but also fail to live as a disciple of Christ. Forgive all the sins I
have committed, known and unknown. Cleanse me from my sin. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 5:1

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

First Reading..... Acts 2:29-36

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *Footsteps*.....Craig Courtney

* 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

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

* Hymn: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*..... HB. No 241

* Sermon TextPhilippians 2:5-11

Sermon *Christ's Exaltation*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

§ Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Hymn of Dedication: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*.....HB No. 132

* 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: *Sonata No. 3, Mvt. 1*.....Mendelssohn

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***Children 4K through 2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church.*

§ Please note that the outer circle in each of the wine trays contains grape juice

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, October 4

8:30 a.m.Prayer Meeting, parlor
9:00 a.m.Worship Service; Communion
10:00 a.m.Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Worship Service; Communion
4:00 p.m.Worship Celebration for Patrick's 40th

MONDAY, October 5

5:30 p.m.Ruth Circle
8:30 p.m.Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, October 6

10:00 a.m.Women's Ministries Bible Study
5:00 p.m.Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, October 7

4:30 p.m.Early Service Singers Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.Foundations for the Faith (bring your own dinner!)
7:15 p.m.Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 8

12:00 p.m.Women's Ministries Bible Study
2:00 p.m.Bible Study @ Westminster

SATURDAY, October 10

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

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 a.m.Prayer Meeting, parlor
9:00 a.m.Worship Service
9:55 a.m.Congregational Meeting
10:00 a.m.Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Worship Service
12:00 p.m.Congregational Meeting
4:00 p.m.Youth Group

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor & celebration of
Patrick Robinson's 40 years of service as Music Director & Organist by the
Robinson and Senn families.***

Looking Ahead

- **40th Celebration Service for Patrick Robinson** TODAY at 4 pm, join us to celebrate Patrick's 40 years of service! Will be followed with a reception.
- **Pastor Appreciation Month** Help us celebrate our pastors this month and all they do in service of our church body!
- **New Men's Bible Study** Mondays at 8:30 pm in the Faith Room.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner** This week, Oct 7 will be a bring your own dinner at 5:30 pm!
- **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, October 11 following both services to elect nominated candidates for the offices of Elder & Deacon.
- **Single Service Sundays** October 18, one service at 10 am, no Sunday School. October 25, Sunday School at 9 followed by our annual Kirking Service at 10 am.
- **Sharing the Lasting Hope Workshop** Sunday, October 25 at 3 pm.
- **Fall Carnival** Wednesday, October 28 join us at 5:30 pm for hotdogs, games, bounce houses and more! Kids are welcome to wear non-scary costumes!

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 // Acts 2:29-36

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Sermon Text // Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offertory Anthem

Footsteps

Lyrics by Jonathan Cook // Music by Craig Courtney

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I see His footsteps in the way,
And follow them through darkest night,
Unafraid I stumble not,
In the glow of perfect light, I see.

I walk in footsteps of His love,
And find His light leads on before,
Then He gently turns to me,
Softly whispers, “trust Me more.”
I walk, I walk.

Then as I follow in His way,
My path ahead will brightly shine,
For in His path of guiding light,
I find His footsteps first,
I find His footsteps first, then mine.

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 2				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Jeremiah 23:5-6 Matthew 1:6	Isaiah 61:1 Luke 4:16-21	Isaiah 11:1 Revelation 5:5	Isaiah 11:2 Luke 3:21-22	Read Sunday Sermon text Galatians 4:4-7

Usher Captain Mary Karen Dyer
Counters Ginger Catoe & Amber Graham
Greeting Bill Altman & Charles Robbins
Worship Assistance
Safety Bill Altman

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	—