

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. October 11, 2026

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *God of Grace and God of Glory*.....Manz

Call to Worship.....1 Peter 2:4-5

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

* Hymn of Praise: *God of Grace and God of Glory*.....HB No. 358

* 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.....Jeremiah 31:33-34

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A #70

Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in His sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

First Reading..... Jeremiah 23:1-8

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

* 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.....Keith Ginn

* Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*..... HB. No 433

* Sermon Text Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon*He Gave Me His A+*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*.....HB No. 368

* 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: *Creation*.....Haydn

** 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, 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

MONDAY, October 12

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

8:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, October 13

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

5:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, October 14

5:30 p.m. Foundations for the Faith

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 15

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

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

FRIDAY, October 16—SUNDAY, October 18

Church-wide Fall Retreat @ Bonclarken

SUNDAY, October 18

9:30 a.m..... Prayer Meeting, parlor

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Jones & Anne Rutland's and Merritt Pope's birthdays in the month of October.

First Reading // Jeremiah 23:1-8

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the LORD. ³ “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD.

⁵ “Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD,
 “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
 A King shall reign and prosper,
 And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
⁶ In His days Judah will be saved,
 And Israel will dwell safely;
 Now this *is* His name by which He will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

⁷ “Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”

Sermon Text // Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Looking Ahead

- **Congregational Meeting** TODAY 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.
- **Pastor Appreciation Month** Help us celebrate our pastors this month and all they do in service of our church body!
- **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

Home/Family Worship Weekly Reading Plan: Week 3				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Isaiah 11:3-5 Revelation 19:11-16	Isaiah 11:6-9 2 Corinthians 4:6	Zechariah 9:9-11 Acts 1:8	Isaiah 42:6 Luke 2:22-32	Read Sunday Sermon text

Usher Captain.....Beth Logan Roach
 CountersGinger Catoe & Jan Stephenson
 Greeting..... Hill Muse & Tim Templeton
 Worship Assistance..... Jon Oliphant
 Safety.....Hill Muse

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	—