

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 a.m. November 30, 2025

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *Prophecy Candle*The Ginn family

Striking of the Hour

Prelude: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*.....McGee

Call to Worship.....Psalm 68:32-35

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

* Processional Hymn of Praise: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.....HB No. 147

* 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.....Romans 5:1

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

* Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem: *Christus Paradox*.....Fedak

** Children's MessageElijah Hoyer

First ReadingColossians 1:15-20

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*.....Held

* 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: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*HB No. 148

* Sermon TextJohn 1:1-5

Sermon*Finding Hope in Jesus, the Word*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*.....HB No. 151

* Benediction

* The Church's Doxology.....Psalter No. 179

Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, The God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous works, In glory that excel, Who only doeth wondrous works, In glory that excel.

And blessed be His glorious Name To all eternity; The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, So let it be; The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, So let it be.

Postlude: *Postlude on a French Noel*Rinehart

** 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, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School

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

6:15 p.m.Handbells

MONDAY, December 1

6:30 p.m.Ruth Circle

WEDNESDAY, December 3

4:30 p.m.Early Service Singers Rehearsal

5:30 p.m.Foundations for the Faith

6:30 p.m.Children's Nativity

7:15 p.m.Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, December 4

8:30 a.m.....First Thursday Prayer Team

10:00 a.m.....Deborah Circle

6:30 p.m.Young Adult Bible Study

7:30 p.m.Esther Circle

FRIDAY, December 5

5:15 p.m.Parade Pizza Party

SUNDAY, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

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

3:00 p.m.New Officer Training

5:00 p.m.Youth Group

6:15 p.m.Handbells

Looking Ahead

- **Children's Nativity** Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Parade Pizza Party** Friday, December 5 there will be pizza and time to fellowship at 5:15 before the ChristmasVille parade. RSVP in the weekly email link.
- **New Officer Training** Sunday, December 7, 3-5 pm for newly elected deacons and elders.
- **Lessons & Carols** Our annual Lessons & Carols service is December 14 at both 9 & 11 services. Invite family, friends and neighbors!
- **Pampers & Prayer** A drop-in diaper shower honoring Megan Sharp and Sydney Estes on December 14 at 2:30 pm.
- **Christmas Eve** Wednesday, December 24 there will be 3 services available to attend. 3 pm, 5 pm and 9 pm.

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

General Fund 2025	October 2025	Jan-Dec 2025
Receipts	\$94,738	\$926,146
Expenses	\$117,909	\$891,228
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$23,171)	\$34,918
Budgeted Monthly	\$92,550	—

Usher Captains..... Nancy Templeton
Counters for today.....Howard Kellett & Sarah Marion
Greeting Scott Ledford & Tim Templeton
Safety

From the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible

First Reading // Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Sermon Text // John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Anthem

Christus Paradox

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You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer, of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

The Peinseltias are given to the glory of God and in memory of...

- * **Walter, Jean & John Revell; Jack, Anne & Johnny Alexander; Robert, Barbara, Adah & Noah Lesslie** from Robert & Jeanie Alexander
- * **Our parents: Jimmy & Shirley Norris** and **Bill & Henri Altman** from Bill & Nanette Altman
- * **John Harris Bailey** from Jane Bailey
- * **My parents** from Lynn Chonko
- * **Adam Cox & Will Cox** from Jack & Emily Cox
- * **William W. Lucas, Sr.** from Christi, John, Jack, Grier, and Evan Gettys
- * **Rev. Dr. Tony Grant** from Beth Grant
- * **William Brice & Sara Croft** and **James William & Ada Hancock** from Fran Hancock
- * **Maudell W. Gulledege, Carlos Williams, John Gulledege, Ruth & Archie Helms, Bertha & Frank Workman, Linda White & Pam Moffit** and **Bernice & Leonard Williams** from David & Gail Helms
- * **Virginia Ann Kellett** and **Ed Kellett** from Howard Kellett
- * **Norma White, Morris Glidewell,** and **James & Grace Kiser** from the Kiser family
- * **Rhonda Logan** from the Logan family
- * **Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Looper** from Mike & Terri Looper
- * **Bill Culp, Sr.** from Nancy Moore
- * **Harriet & Jennings Neely, Sr.** and **Jennings Neely, Jr.** from Linda Neely
- * **Jean & Walter Revell, Russell Tanner,** and **John Revell** from Jeanie & Walter Revell
- * **Brandon Hardison** and **Betty & Doug Roper** from Dianne & Tom Roper
- * **Jimmy Simpson** from Beth Simpson
- * **Our loved ones who are no longer here with us but who continue to live on in our hearts** from Ragan & Judy Simpson
- * **Dorothy Southwell** and **Edgar & Martha Williams** from Steve & Jane Southwell
- * **David Smith Jr., Peggy Howison,** and **Joe Williams** from David & Ginger Smith
- * **Dr. Hal Anderson** from Wilma Taylor
- * **Laura & Charlie Turner, Johnny & Ann Gill,** and **Chuck Turner** from Scott & Gary Turner and Scottie & Landon Ard
- * **Brien Wilkerson, Jan Maners Small,** and **Jimmy A. Maners** from Frank & Cindy Wilkerson
- * **Brien Wilkerson, Jan Maners,** and **Jimmy Maners** from Tripp, Laura Lea, Helen, & Matt Wilkerson

The Peinseltias are given to the glory of God and in honor of...

- * **Our children and grandson: Cristi, Alex, & Henry Corcoran,** and **Chelsea Altman** from Bill & Nanette Altman
- * **Heather, Seth, & Ben Gregory** from Jane Bailey
- * **Our beloved Mama Jane Southwell** from Sally, Brandon, Rob, Margaret, Hollis, Wells, & Sumner
- * **Cecil Benjamin Chapman** from Sam & Lyric Chapman
- * **Orlando Jones** from Lynn Chonko
- * **Richard Dreier** from Jeremy & Betsy Dreier
- * **Our grandchildren: Dearing & Banks Eaves, Chandler, Harrison & Wells Friel,** and **Lawton & Whitt Eaves** from Buist & Susan Eaves
- * **Margaret Simpson Lucas** and **Dottie & John Gettys** from Christi, John, Jack, Grier, and Evan Gettys
- * **First ARP Music Ministry** from Debi Hallman
- * **Ann Louise Kellett; West, Neely, Ward & Calvin Kellett,** and **Mary Campbell & Vic Davis** from Howard Kellett
- * **Matt & Jennifer Krinn** from Charlton & Lois Kirkpatrick
- * **Jeanie Alexander** and **Sarah Harper** from Connie Kiser
- * **Mr. & Mrs. James K. Caughman** from Mike & Terri Looper
- * **Dora Dean Tanner** from Walter & Jeanie Revell
- * **Beth Smith** from David & Ginger Smith
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