

## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. July 27, 2025

### Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship.....Psalm 147:1-5

*Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

#### \* Hymns for Worship and Praise:

*Blessed Assurance*.....No. 78

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.....No. 97

#### \* 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 domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

#### \* Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession—Article 1

*We all believe with the heart, and confess with the mouth, that there is one only simple and spiritual Being, which we call God; and that he is eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite, almighty, perfectly wise, just, good, and the overflowing fountain of all good.*

#### 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.....Jon Oliphant

#### \* Sermon Text.....Psalm 16

Sermon.....*Finding True Joy in Christ*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

#### \* Hymn of Dedication: *Jesus Cast a Look*.....No. 33

#### \* 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](http://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, July 27

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

9:00 a.m. ....Worship Service

10:00 a.m. ....Sunday School

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, July 30

10:00 a.m. ....Baking Buddies

#### FRIDAY, August 1

4:30 p.m. ....Family Pool Party

#### SUNDAY, August 3

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

9:00 a.m. ....Worship Service; Communion

10:00 a.m. ....Sunday School; Rally Day!

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

At a called Session meeting this morning, the following folks will be received as communicant members: Shaw & Ann Marie Blackmon, John & Ashley Moore, Clay & Stacey Summers, and Tom & Sonja Templeton. Please be sure to welcome them into the First ARP family!

## Sermon Text // Psalm 16

### A *miktam* of David.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

For further study on today's sermon text:

**Acts 2:22-36**

**Usher Captains** ..... Alex Brakefield  
**Counters for today** ..... Ginger Smith & Mike McQuinn  
**Greeting** ..... Jeff Lesslie  
**Worship Assistance** ..... Jamey Dagenhart  
**Safety** .....

## Looking Ahead

- **Open Gym** Wednesday mornings at 10 am, July 9 through August 6!  
(This week, July 30, will be Baking Buddies during that time)
- **Family Pool Party** Friday, August 1 at 4:30 pm at Riverwalk pool!  
Come celebrate the end of summer with us—RSVP on the church app.
- **Rally Day** Next Sunday, August 3 at 10 am! All ages are invited to Robinson Hall for light breakfast treats, highlights of the summer and an overview of our children and youth programs for fall.
- **Inquirer's Class** will begin on August 17 during the Sunday School hour. For anyone interested in more about the church and ARP denomination and what we believe.
- **GriefShare** Another round of GriefShare will begin Sunday, August 17 at 2 pm in the Faith Room.
- **Pictorial Directory Appointments** Please use the link in the weekly email to sign up for a portrait appointment to help us complete the new pictorial directory! Dates are August 15-17.

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 [lrross@firstarp.org](mailto:lrross@firstarp.org)

General Fund 2025	June 2025	Jan-Dec 2025
Receipts	\$87,006	\$542,766
Expenses	\$86,894	\$534,855
Surplus (Deficit)	\$112	\$7,911
Budgeted Monthly	\$92,550	—