

**THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
EASTER**

9:00 a.m. March 31, 2024

Welcome and Opportunities of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Let us worship our risen Savior together!

* Hymns for Worship and Praise:

To Christ the Lord.....No. 66

In Christ Alone.....No. 30

* Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Lord's Prayer

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.....2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #45

Q: *How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

A: *First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.*

Offertory

* Doxology

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

* Sermon Text.....Luke 24:1-12

Sermon.....*The Glory of Easter*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petition

* Hymn of Dedication: *The Risen Christ*.....No. 61

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

Inspired by the love of Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we serve God through worship, education and fellowship that we may proclaim His grace and share His love in the world.

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, March 31

Easter

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

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

10:00 a.m..... Flowering of the Cross & Butterfly Release

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

MONDAY, April 1

Church Office closed

6:30 p.m..... Ruth Circle

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 a.m..... Men's Ministry Prayer Team

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

5:30 p.m..... Missions Committee

WEDNESDAY, April 3

No Foundations for the Faith

THURSDAY, April 4

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

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

4:00 p.m..... Early Service Singers Rehearsal

SUNDAY, April 7

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

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

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

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

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Easter
and in honor of the baptism of Miles James Brakefield.***

Sermon Text // Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

For further study on today’s sermon text:
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Miles James Brakefield,
son of Alex & Laura Brakefield, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.

Looking Ahead

- **Special Easter Offering** TODAY you will find in your bulletin an envelope and pamphlet about this special offering that is used to support: ARP Foundation & Stewardship Ministries, Bonclarken, Outreach America, and World Witness.
- **Preschool Spring Donation Drive** April 8-19—please help support the preschool by donating items for classrooms, playground and gym. See weekly email for details and link to wishlist.
- **Missions Conference** April 13-14, joins us for dinner on Saturday at 5:30 pm. Executive Director of World Witness, Alex Pettett will join us as our guest speaker.
- **Appalachia Registration** Youth registration for the summer Appalachia mission trip is due by April 13. See Elijah Hoyer or weekly email for details.
- **Catawba WM Meet & Greet** Saturday, April 20 at Chester ARP. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. RSVP to Chester ARP by April 6—see weekly email for details.
- **Preschool Summer Camps** First ARP Preschool will host 4 weeks of summer camp this year. Registration deadline is May 17. See newsletter and/or weekly email for details.

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

Usher Captains Jackson Emerson & Alex Simpson
Counters for today John Pearson & Chet Wingate
Greeting George Coxhead
Worship Assistance Steve Southwell
Safety Scott Ledford

General Fund 2024	February 2024	Jan-Dec 2024
Receipts	\$75,989	\$147,172
Expenses	\$99,026	\$165,977
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$23,037)	(\$18,805)
Budgeted Monthly	\$87,798	—