



First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Carol Hinson

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135:1-3

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, ²who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! ³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

***Song of Praise**

Red Trinity Hymnal #110

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Presentation of New Members

APPROACHING GOD

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession with The 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, for ever. Amen.

Assurance of Salvation

Romans 5:1

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(tithes and offerings may be placed in the plate as you exit Worship)

***Doxology**

Red Trinity Hymnal #731

*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.*

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #6

“Be Gracious, LORD”

Prayer for Needs

Opening the Scripture and Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 3:22-30

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Sermon

“The Great Power of the Gospel”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #7

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Closing Prayer**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

LEAVING WORSHIP

Congregational Response

*May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love,
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign. From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ Eternal, the King of Kings.*

“Benediction”

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

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Prayer Guide

May 15

Family of Wayne Dickson, Matt Wulfert- Complications from colon/ liver cancer, Sally Lloyd- Hospital stay, Adam Crawford & Tiffany Conrad- Congratulations on their engagement

May 8

Nancy Wonderlich- Scans at Mayo Clinic on May 9 & new chemo cocktail, Philip Deese- Concussion, Greta Cureton- Health, Holly Rivers- Recovery from surgery

May 1

Summer Bohler- Upcoming back surgery, Rev. Rusty McAlister- Surgery May 9, Michelle Allen (Lorri Crawford's niece)- Recovering from car wreck, Jimmy Hudson (Lorri Crawford's brother)- Prostate cancer

April 24

Mike Scruggs- Heart and fall, Mark Scruggs- Stents, David Etheridge- Cancer, Wayne Dickson- Upcoming surgery, Suzanne Lever- Skin graft, Logan Leaphart- Continued improvement, Amanda Banholzer, Kyle Sims and family

Chronic Illnesses

Natalie Carmichael, James Deese, Buddy Lever, Tanya McCree, Nancy Wonderlich

Nursing Home/ Shut Ins

I.W. Caskey, Kenny Caskey, Virginia Fleming, Sally Lloyd, Charles Montgomery, Clara Nell Robinson, Richard Robinson

Missionaries

Phil Baer, Rebekah Carson, Mark & Natalie Witte

Church Planters

King's Church (Columbia), Arsenal Hill (Columbia), Potential church plant in Indian Land

Military

Spencer Estrada (USN), Alex Coale (USMC), Dillon Coale (USN), Remington Totten (USN), Nick Lee (USA)

Sermon Notes

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
24 MISSIONS 7:30 Session	25	26	27 6:00 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 Administration Cmte.
1	2	3	4 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
8 5:00 Diaconate	9	10	11 6:00 Last Wednesday Family Night
15 11:00 Church Picnic	16	17 6:30 AE Circle	18 6:00 Session
22 MISSIONS 10:00 Graduation Sunday	23	24	25
29 CARE FUND	30 	31	1

Thursday**Friday****Saturday****ANNIVERSARIES**

28	29	30
5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  3:00 JL Circle	6	7
12	13 Signup Deadline for church picnic	14
19	20	21 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:45 Red Rose Romp
26	27	28
2	3	4

19- Daniel & Miranda Bohler
22- Richard & Lorri Crawford

BIRTHDAYS

3- Emily Prete
9- Mia Estrada
12- Kendall Roach
18- Jennifer Jaillette
22- Isabel Screpetis
24- Katherine Dix
25- Richard Gardner
26- Corinne Brackett
28- Richard Crawford
30- Chris Peterson
31- Jon Dix

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Morning and Evening Worship can also be viewed on YouTube at "First ARP Lancaster")

10:00 Worship

11:15 Sunday School (Adult Fellowship, Men's & Women's Bible Study, and Youth/ Young Adult)

6:15 Evening Worship

7:00 Fellowship/ Youth group



Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
from the heavens praise his name;
praise Jehovah in the highest,
all his angels, praise proclaim.
All his hosts, together praise him,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise him, O ye heavens of heavens,
and you floods above the sky.

Refrain:

Let them praises give Jehovah,
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

2 Let them praises give Jehovah,
they were made at his command;
them forever he established,
his decree shall ever stand.
From the earth, O praise Jehovah,
all you seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapors,
stormy winds that hear his call. [Refrain]

3 All you fruitful trees and cedars,
all you hills and mountains high;
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth, and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all;
praise his name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small. [Refrain]

Be Gracious, LORD

1 Be gracious, LORD, rebuke me not in wrath,
Nor in Your anger, for I waste away;
My bones, my soul are troubled- heal me,
LORD!
How long, O LORD, how long will You delay?

2 O LORD, return to liberate my soul!
And for Your steadfast love come now to save!
For no one will remember You in death,
And who will glorify You in the grave?

3 I have grown weary with my sighs and
moans;
I cry and flood my bed with tears each night.
Due to my grief and all my enemies,
My weeping eyes grow weak and lose their
sight.

4 The LORD has heard, the LORD has heard
my cries;
All evildoers, go, depart from me!
The LORD receives each prayer I make to Him.
Troubled and shamed, my foes leave suddenly.

From All That Dwell below the

Skies

1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

2 In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

3 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns rise and set no more.

True Heavenly-Mindedness By Andrew Kerr

What does it mean to be heavenly minded?

Does it mean to stick your super-spiritual head so high up into the clouds that you cannot properly or responsibly do your God-given work? Does it condemn us to being of absolutely no earthly use?

There are clearly some spiritual dangers in other-worldly orientation! Yet it is also a trap of the Devil to lose celestial focus. A better way to state this, eschewing ethereal excess, is that only heavenly-hearted folks are of any lasting, earthly, help.

Being truly eternity-minded means no less than this - it is to resolutely, persistently, worshipfully and humbly, to direct our intent gaze on glory in Christ that awaits all true children of God.

Being really celestially-goal-orientated means no less than to perceive spiritually, with God-given eyes in the heart, the Christ once-wounded, now raised, in His ascended, exalted, vindicated, sovereign, radiance.

Being seriously glory-seeking means to personally, scripturally, diligently and transformatively to intensify our study of the character, person, work and fruit-filled life of Jesus.

Being rightly eternally transfixed is to use the means of grace, in public and private, to study the Savior who walked by faith in truth, and died to self as He humbled Himself even to death on a Cross.

Such true, heavenly, non-ethereal faith, hope and love, not only abides; it also rests content with its promised eternal reward and the inexpressible and unspeakable radiance that awaits.

The reason for this is not hard to find: when we set our hearts fully on things that lie beyond - things of such an exalted, higher, nobler, Jesus-centered, monumentally-significant, strain, all is spiritual change. Sin is put to death. Holy character is formed. Christ-like love infills and infuses our souls through His Spirit that indwells us.

In other words, the heart cannot eye the crucified, risen, ascended, glorious Lord, in faith, and remain the same - Jesus transfixes! Christ transforms!

The holy, spiritual, light emitted from the face of Christ increasingly molds and bridles our soul with grace, peace, joy, humility, obedience, endurance and selflessness.

We seek lost sheep and the good of brothers (and all others) before self. We love our families. We serve our friends. We glory in the faith which floods us with such hope. Our words, thoughts, deeds, plans and dreams become Kingdom-centered.

In the sight of Christ, we perceive God's purest light: tawdry pleasures of this world begin to dim and fade - once magnetic sin, popularity and flesh lose their glitz-appeal.

In the light of Father's love, seen through the contact lens of His Lamb who was slain, earthly, worldly, and selfish ambitions seem so seriously over-rated - so pray for grace, brothers and sisters, to be more truly, sanely, deeply, practically and progressively, heavenly-minded.

(This article was originally posted on www.gentlereformation.com)

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS Welcome to First ARP Church. If you are a first time visitor, we would like to have a record of your visit with us. Please fill out an attendance card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE NEWS We will have childcare available for Nursery and Toddlers. We are still looking for additional people to rotate coverage going forward. Contact committee chairman Mike Cauthen to sign up or for more details.

RED ROSE ROMP A walk will be held on the Lindsay Pettus Greenway to benefit HOPE in Lancaster Saturday, May 21 at 9AM. We would like to have a team from the church participate. The cost is \$20 per person or \$15 per person for teams of 5 or more. Registration and money are due by **Sunday, May 15**. Contact Stacy Pokopac if you have questions.

HOPE DONATIONS HOPE in Lancaster has the following needs for its food pantry: **jelly, spaghetti sauce, 1 lb. bagged brown rice, canned food: green beans, corn, assorted beans, pasta, chicken, fruit, tuna, soup, and beef stew.** *Please no glass jars or family size items.*

COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN

Administration Clerk - Buddy Lever

Discipleship- Michael Cauthen

Outreach- Richard Crawford

Internal Needs -Suzanne Lever

Building-Sam Prete

Fellowship- Ed Ogburn

Missions- David Pokopac

Worship- Frank Brackett

Safety -Walt Watford

Grounds- Keith Jaillette

Financials

May 8, 2022	
Morning attendance	59 live/ 6 online
Evening attendance	25 live/ 2 online
General Fund	\$2,718
Total GF contributions this month	\$24,883
Missions Fund	\$100

AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to be given every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. Are you ready to take a step of faith? Would you like to make sure you support the financial needs of the church even when you can't be here in person? Visit our website at **[FirstARPLancaster.org/Giving](https://www.firstarplancaster.org/Giving)** to make a one time or repeating contribution. Contact the church office with any questions.

Volunteers

	May	June
Elders	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever	Mike Cauthen Ed Ogburn
Captain	Walt Watford	Debby Hegler
Co-Captain	Debbie Dickson	JB Powell

Officers

	ELDERS	DEACONS
2022	Richard Crawford-VM David Pokopac	Debbie Dickson JB Powell Walt Watford- S
2023	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever- C	Debby Hegler Suzanne Lever Sam Prete- C
2024	Mike Cauthen Ed Ogburn	Daniel Bohler Keith Jaillette- VC

Staff

Pastor-Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac
Pianist- Mrs. Carol Hinson
Pastoral Intern- Joel Haan

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