

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

February 1, 2026

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Kathy Weiss

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-4

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #30

“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”

APPROACHING GOD

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession and 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 Pardon**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

***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.*

***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.*

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm 116**

Blue ARP Psalter #191

"I Love the Lord"

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page #978

Ephesians 5:15-21

Sermon

"Walking Wisely"

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Preparation**

Insert

“Behold the Lamb” (verses 1-3)

The Lord’s Supper

***Words of Institution**

***Prayer of Consecration**

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Insert

“Behold the Lamb” (verse 4)

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 / © 2005 Thank You Music

Sermon Notes

Walking Wisely– Ephesians 5:15-21

1. Redeeming the Time

2. Being Spirit Filled

3. Living Humbly

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
25 MISSIONS	26	27	28 6:00 WFN
1 COMMUNION	2	3	4 6:00 WFN
8 12:15 New Mem- bers Lunch 12:15 Diaconate	9	10 6:30 GIG Disciple- ship	11 6:00 WFN
15	16	17 7:00 Session	18 6:00 WFN
22 MISSIONS	23	24	25

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 LCHC	30	31
5 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	6	7
12 8:30 LCHC	13 2:00 LCHC Valentines Party	14
19 8:30 LCHC	20	21 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
26 8:30 LCHC	27	28 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered



BIRTHDAYS

1– Mott Henley
 2– Sydnee Banholzer
 9– Mary Strickland
 13– Roy Beckham
 15– Conner Tindal
 24– Lynn Moore
 27– Ed Ogburn

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Officer meeting
10:00 Morning Worship
11:15 Sunday School
5:00 Evening Worship
6:00 Fellowship
7:00 Youth

Announcements

PRAYER REQUESTS The reverse side of our attendance card is for all prayer requests. Members and visitors are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH We will recognize our new members of 2025 on February 8. Join us for a pot luck luncheon at 12:15PM.

Through the Souper Bowl of Caring, we will also support our local food pantry at HOPE in Lancaster with donations of money and canned goods as we root for our favorite team in the Super Bowl. Bring donations Sunday morning to drop off as you enter the Fellowship Hall for lunch. Please make checks payable to First ARP Church.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT Next month, we will revive a favorite activity from the past.: Dinners For Eight. We would like to start this in February and run through May, take a break in June and July, and then kick off another round in August through November.

4 couples grouped in teams of 8 will meet each month for a meal. Each month a different couple hosts and provides the main course. Other couples on the team coordinate appetizers, sides, or desserts. Couples can use their home, a restaurant, or the Fellowship Hall (with approval) to host the meal. 2 singles (for widows or singles) can sign up as a couple or on their own. The fellowship committee will assign groups after registration is completed. Sign up on the “Sign Me Up” bulletin board by Sunday, February 8 if you are interested in participating in this first cycle.

MAILBOXES 2025 Contribution statements and 2026 Offering envelopes are available at the mailboxes behind the choir loft.

MEN’S MINISTRIES The next Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, February 21 at 8AM.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES Growing In God (GIG) will meet at 6:30PM on Tuesday, February 10. See the “What’s Happening” bulletin board for more details.

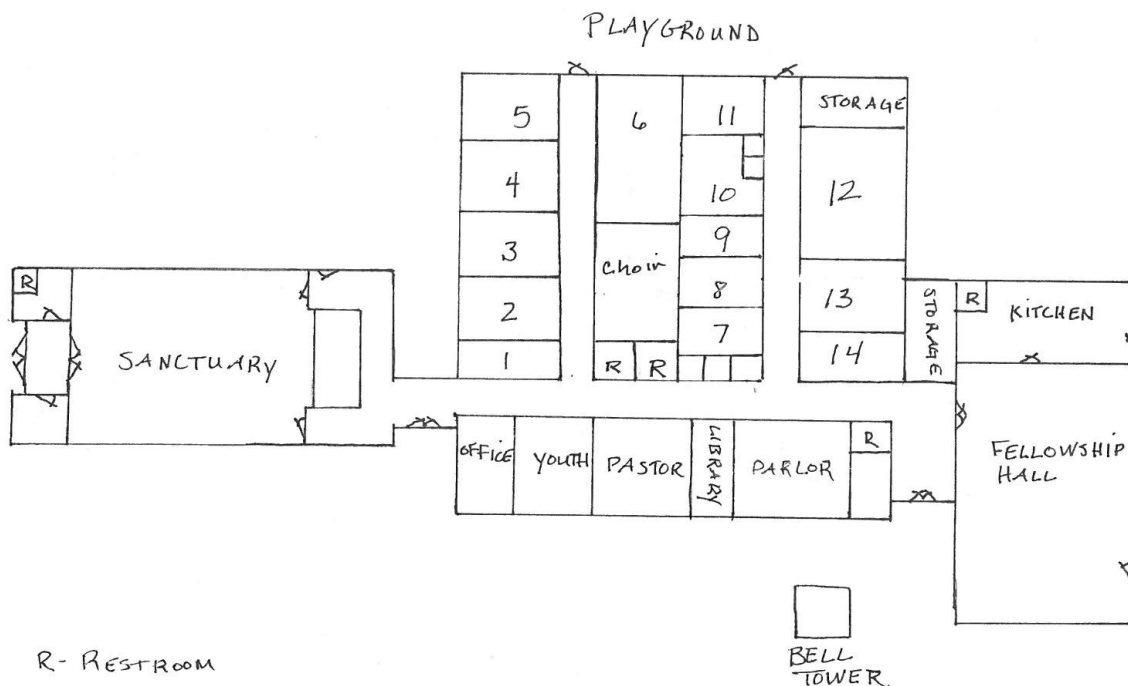
YOUTH NEWS The Sr. High retreat will be March 6-8 and the Middle School retreat will be March 20-22. If you are interested in chaperoning either of these events, please contact Jonathan. Registration packets will be given to youth as they are available.

Visitor Information

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 it is passed.

Childcare is available in room #1 for children age 2 and under at the start of morning Worship. Children ages 3-4 are dismissed to Sunday School following the Children's Sermon. Busy Bags are available at the side entrance of the church during morning Worship. We enjoy the sound of children in Worship, but if you have need of it, a quiet room is available at the rear of the sanctuary. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15.

CHURCH MAP



Prayer Guide

February 1

Phil Baer– Successful heart catheterization and stent, Scruggs family– Travel/ grief, Betty Allen
– Hospital, Benny Brazell– Results of tests

January 25

Family of Pat Scruggs, Dangerous weekend weather, Clovis Steele– Hospital, JB Powell– Praise
for improved strength, Dell Ghent– Pending MRI/ pain

January 18

Doug Patterson– Steady recovery/ therapy, Debby Hegler– Good surgical result and recovery,
Sheryl Huey– A-fib monitoring, Esther Shields– Chemotherapy, Liz Dillard– Upcoming birth of
Deborah Joy

Chronic Illnesses

Tanya McCree

Nursing Home/ Shut Ins

Betty Arant, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Richard Robinson, Clovis Steele

Missionaries

Phil Baer, Rebekah Carson, Justin & Gillian Brickey

Church Planters

King's Church (Columbia), Arsenal Hill (Columbia)

COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN

Fellowship– Sam Prete	Outreach– Richard Crawford	Discipleship– Stewart Screpetis
Missions- Sam Huey	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Doug Patterson
Grounds– TBD	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Financials

January 25, 2026	
Attendance AM	N/A
Attendance PM	N/A
General Fund	\$261
Total GF contributions this month	\$35,995

ONLINE GIVING If you would like to make contributions online, visit our website at **FirstARPLancaster.org/Giving** to make a one time or repeating contribution. Contact the church office with any questions. If you prefer to download the VancoMobile app, search for “First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church” and use the invite code TPVK5P.



HOPE FOOD PANTRY Current food needs: grits, beef stew, Jiffy mix, spaghetti pasta, jelly, & spaghetti sauce. Please bring pantry items and place them on the shelves near the Fellowship Hall. Remember to avoid glass containers and oversized family portions.

Volunteers

Childcare February 1

10:00

Nursery

Lynn Moore

Toddlers

Stacy Pokopac/ Joan Watford

11:00

Nursery

Debbie Dickson

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Debbie Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

February 8

Nursery

Lorri Crawford

Toddlers

Katey Powell/ Greta Cureton

Nursery

Debbie Hegler

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford

Officers January

Elder

Richard Crawford

Elder

Sam Prete

Captain

Jim Davis

Co-Captain

Glenn Rhyne

Usher

Sam Prete

Usher

Frank Brackett

February

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Debbie Dickson

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Frank Brackett

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2026

2027

2028

Elders

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis- VM

Mike Cauthen- C

Ed Ogburn

Deacons

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis-VC

Glenn Rhyne

Mark Caskey-C

Walt Watford

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