

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Kathy Weiss

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

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

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!

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #190

“A Call To Universal Praise”

*1 Praise God, ye servants of the Lord,
Praise, praise His Name with one accord;
Bless ye the Lord, His Name adore
From this time forth forever more,
From this time forth forever more.*

*3 O who is like the Lord, our God,
Who makes the heavens His abode,
Who stoops to see from His high throne
What things in heav'n and earth are done,
What things in heav'n and earth are done.*

*2 From rising unto setting sun
Praised be the Lord, the Mighty One.
O'er nations all God reigns supreme,
Above the heav'ns His glories beam,
Above the heav'ns His glories beam,*

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 Pardon**

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His 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 Spirit 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *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 1**

Red Trinity Hymnal #657

“In Sweet Communion, Lord, With Thee”

*1 In sweet communion, Lord, with thee
I constantly abide;
my hand thou holdest in thine own
to keep me near thy side.*

*4 Though flesh and heart should faint and fail,
the Lord will ever be
the strength and portion of my heart,
my God eternally.*

*2 Thy counsel through my earthly way
shall guide me and control,
and then to glory afterward
thou wilt receive my soul.*

*5 To live apart from God is death,
'tis good his face to seek;
my refuge is the living God,
his praise I long to speak.*

*3 Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but thee,
to whom my thoughts aspire?
And, having thee, on earth is naught
that I can yet desire.*

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 898

John 12:1-11

Sermon

“A Picture Of Fellowship”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #648

“My Jesus, I Love Thee

*1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.*

*My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.*

*I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy
brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me
breath;*

*and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my
brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

***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.*

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29 CARE No PM Service	30  Office Closed	31  Office Closed	1  No Wednesday Family Night
5 6:00 Evening Worship resumes	6	7	8 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
12 12:30 WM joint luncheon 5:00 Diaconate	13	14	15 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
19 No PM Service	20  Office Closed	21 7:00 Session	22 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
26 MISSIONS	27	28	29 6:00 Wednesday Family Night

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4
9	10	11
16	17	18 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
23	24	25 8:00 Officer Training
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ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 7– Elise Tindal
- 8– Glenn Rhyne
- 8– Hayleigh Skiba
- 13– Elle Campbell
- 15– Nancy Ogburn
- 17– Alex Bohler
- 22– Tom Arant
- 24– Debby Hegler
- 27– Gene Hunter
- 30– Carol Hinson
- 31– Sam Prete

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:15** Officer meeting
- 10:00** Morning Worship
- 11:15** Sunday School
- 6:00** Evening Worship
- 7:00** Prayer meeting/ Youth group

Prayer Guide

January 12

Scott Moore– Blood pressure, Dale Walker (Stacy Pokopac’s uncle)- Prostate cancer, Sheryl Huey– Hip, Mike Scruggs– Back injury

January 5

Betty Allen– Afib, Benny and Geri Brazell- sickness, Mike Scruggs- stability, Don Rushing- recovery from surgery

December 22

Crystal Hardman- Procedure recovery and results

December 15

Sheryl Huey– Recovery from fall, Mike Scruggs, Don Rushing– Recovery from surgery, Emily Prete– Wisdom teeth removal, Lorri Crawford– Scan results

Chronic Illnesses

Tanya McCree

Nursing Home/ Shut Ins

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

Administration- Butch Ghent Fellowship– Sam Prete

Discipleship– TBD Missions- Sam Huey

Building– Doug Patterson Grounds– TBD

Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Outreach– Richard Crawford

Worship– TBD

Safety– Walt Watford

Sermon Notes

A Picture of Fellowship– John 12:1-11

1. Enjoy Communion with Christ

2. Serve Christ Above All Others

3. Be a Witness for Christ's Work

Announcements

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 you exit the Sanctuary.

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.

WOMENS MINISTRY UPDATE The luncheon scheduled for yesterday is rescheduled for TODAY at 12:30. All ladies are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a soup lunch and information about events in the coming year.

ANOTHER SCHEDULE CHANGE We will not have an evening Worship service on Sunday, January 19. The Church office will also be closed Monday, January 20.

PRAYER BREAKFAST SIGNUP The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, January 18. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.

MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS If you haven't joined our Sunday School class and would like to, we will be studying *5 Solas of the Reformation: The Grace of Repentance* by Sinclair Ferguson and then the Book of Revelation. If you'd like some more information feel free to speak to Jonathan.

OFFICER TRAINING All elders, deacons, and those interested in our elders' and deacons' responsibilities are reminded that we are holding officer training on January 25th at 8AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend!

SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH Our January focus is clearance Christmas and New Years items. The flyer in this week's bulletin has a list of suggestions. Items can be dropped off at the Christmas table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Financials

January 5, 2024	
Attendance– AM	61/5
Attendance– PM	20/1
General Fund	\$2,282
Total GF contributions this month	\$2,282
Missions Fund	\$145

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.

Volunteers

Childcare January 12

10:00

Nursery

Anna Rhyne

Toddlers

Holly Rivers/ Sarah Claire Rhyne

11:00

Nursery

Joan Watford

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen/ Gene Hunter

Elementary

Suzanne Lever

January 19

Nursery

Lorri Crawford

Toddlers

Susan Prete/ Eliana Pokopac

Nursery

Dell Ghent

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen/ Mott Henley

Elementary

Suzanne Lever

Officers

January

Butch Ghent

Sam Huey

Susan Cauthen

Richard Shields

February

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2025

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Elders

Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey- C

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Deacons

Susan Cauthen- S

Richard Shields- C

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis

Glenn Rhyne

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