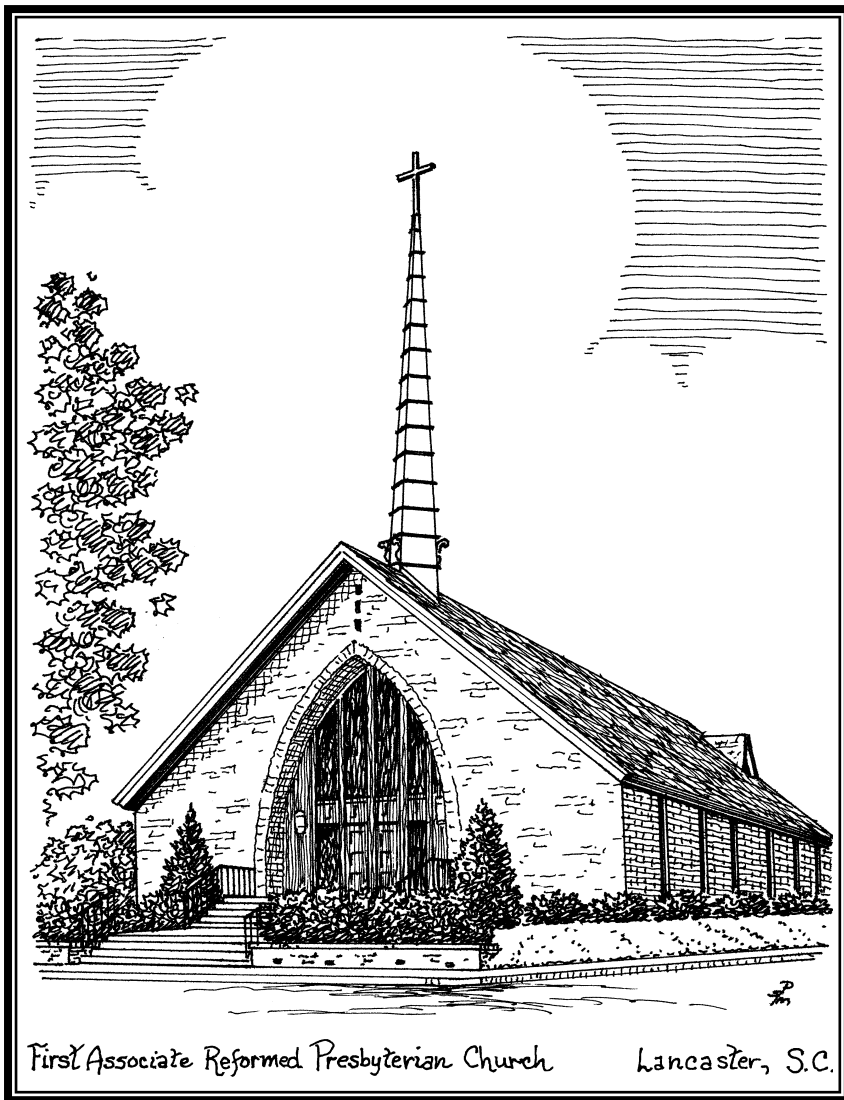




First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
September 6, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Suzanne Brown

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-6

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #104A

“My Soul, Bless the LORD!”

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**

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***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**

Blue ARP Psalter #51A

"God Be Merciful To Me"

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 395

Ezra 9:1-15

Sermon

"The Beginning Of Reform"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #460

"Amazing Grace!"

***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

CCLI License #399806

Sermon Notes

Ezra 9:1-15 “The Beginning Of Reform”

1. Mourning Over Sin

2. Confessing Together

3. Falling On God’s Mercy

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30 CARE	31	1	2 6:00 WFN 7:30 Choir
6	7 	8 6:30 GIG	9 6:00 WFN 7:30 Choir
13 6:45 Diaconate	14	15 7:00 Session	16 6:00 WFN 7:30 Choir
20	21	22	23 6:00 WFN 7:30 Choir
27 MISSIONS Sr. Hi Retreat	28	29	30 6:00 WFN 7:30 Choir

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 HSCO 3:00 JL Circle	4	5 9:00 WM Walk
10 8:30 HSCO	11	12 9:00 WM Gather & Grow– Tirzah 10:00 HSCO Mom’s Brunch
17 8:30 HSCO	18	19 8:00 Men’s Pray- er Breakfast
24 8:30 HSCO	25 Sr. Hi Retreat	26 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered 12:00 WM Soup Lunch/ Craft
1 8:30 HSCO	2 Congregational Retreat	3

ANNIVERSARIES

15– David & Pat McEachern
16– Lathan & Holly Rivers
28– JB & Katey Powell

BIRTHDAYS

2– Callum Campbell
3– Serenity Melton
5– Aaron Melton
8– David Pokopac
9– Steve Culp
15– David O’Brien
16– Debbie Dickson
17– Collin Adams
18- Jean Hollis
18– Doug Patterson
22– JB Powell
24– Butch Ghent
30– Katey Powell

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Officer meeting
10:00 Morning Worship n
11:15 Sunday School
4:00 Worship team rehearsal
5:00 Evening Worship
6:00 Fellowship/ Snacks
6:30 Youth

Announcements

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

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed Monday, September 7.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS If you have not joined our church but are interested in doing so, Jonathan will lead a New Members Class beginning on September 20 at 3PM. Contact Rev. Williams if you are interested or have questions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS Diaconate is scheduled to meet Sunday, September 13 at **6:45PM**. Session will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 7PM.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Please remember to sign up for Wednesday Family Night each week. This helps our volunteer cooks prepare according to expected diners. Registration is available on the “Sign Me Up” bulletin board or on our church website.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN The Fall retreat to Bonclarken for Senior High youth will be September 25-27. Packets are available in the youth room. Money and forms are due in the church office **TODAY**.

The Catawba Women’s Ministries Gather and Grow conference will meet Saturday, September 19 at 9AM. Tirzah ARP Church will host. Registration is available on the church bulletin board and must be completed by **Wednesday, September 9**.

We are also registering for our Congregational Retreat to Bonclarken October 2-4. Forms are available at the side entrance of the church. Money and forms are due by **Wednesday, September 16**.

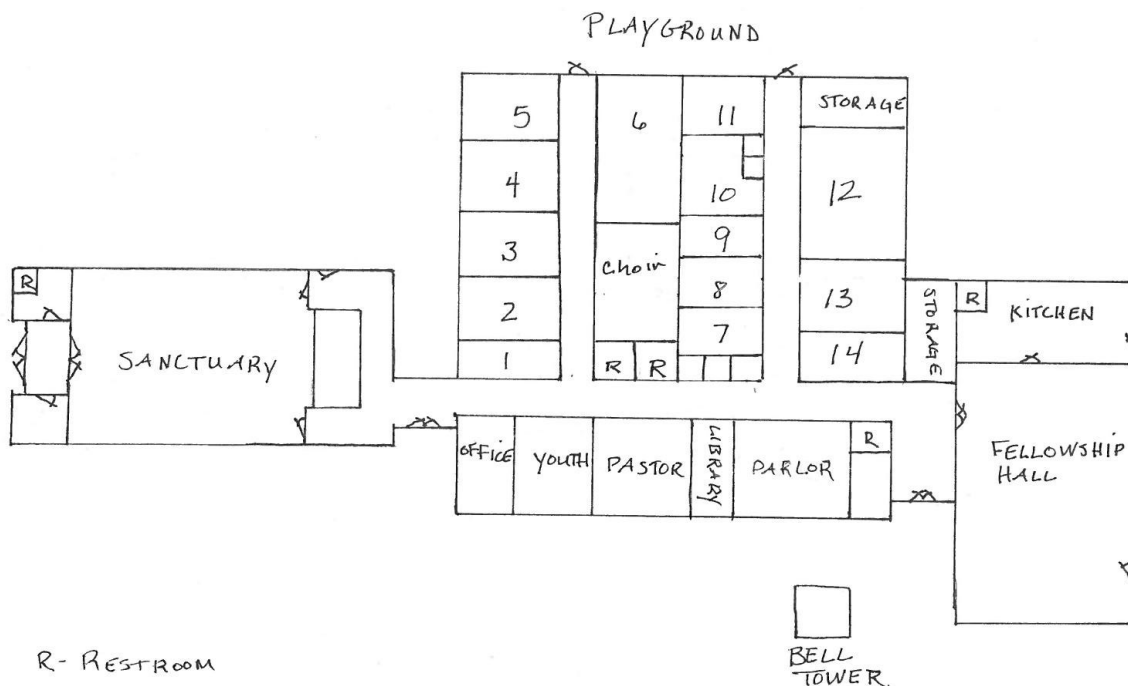
SAVE THE DATE The Middle School retreat for grades 6-8 is scheduled for November 13-15 and registration will open on October 13.

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

September 6

Susan Prete– Recovery from surgery, Nancy Ogburn– Now at home; Recovery from surgery

August 30

Mr. Jordan (Lynda Caskey's dad)- Health and recovery

August 23

The Family of Stacey Pegram- Comfort and peace, Jonathan Williams– Praise for successful thesis defense

August 16

Jonathan Williams– Thesis defense, Mark Caskey– Recovery from procedure, Returning teachers and students

August 9

Crystal Hardman– Surgery rescheduled

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– Ed Ogburn	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Mark Caskey
Grounds– Doug Patterson	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Financials

August 30, 2026	
Attendance AM	74/6
Attendance PM	24/1
General Fund	\$5,053
Total GF contributions this month	\$21,061
Missions Fund	\$76
Care Fund	\$201

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 TPKV5P.



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 September 6

10:00

Nursery

Lynn Moore

Toddlers

Anna Rhyne/ Debbie Dickson

11:00

Nursery

Available

Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Beverly Culp

Elementary Sunday School

Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford

September 13

Nursery

Lorri Crawford

Toddlers

Stacy Pokopac/ Beverly Culp

Nursery

Available

Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Mott Henley

Elementary Sunday School

Gene Hunter/ Jim Davis

Officers September

Elder

Mike Cauthen

Elder

Ed Ogburn

Captain

Mark Caskey

Co- Captain

Walt Watford

Usher

John Mark Caskey

Usher

Mike Cauthen

Usher

October

Sam Prete

Richard Crawford

Glenn Rhyne

Jim Davis

Sam Prete

Richard Crawford

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

2026

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Organist- Mrs. Suzanne Brown

2027

2028

Elders

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis- VM

Mike Cauthen- C

Ed Ogburn

Deacons

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis- S

Glenn Rhyne

Mark Caskey-C

Walt Watford- VC

Website: FirstARPLancaster.org

Email: OnAHill@comporium.net