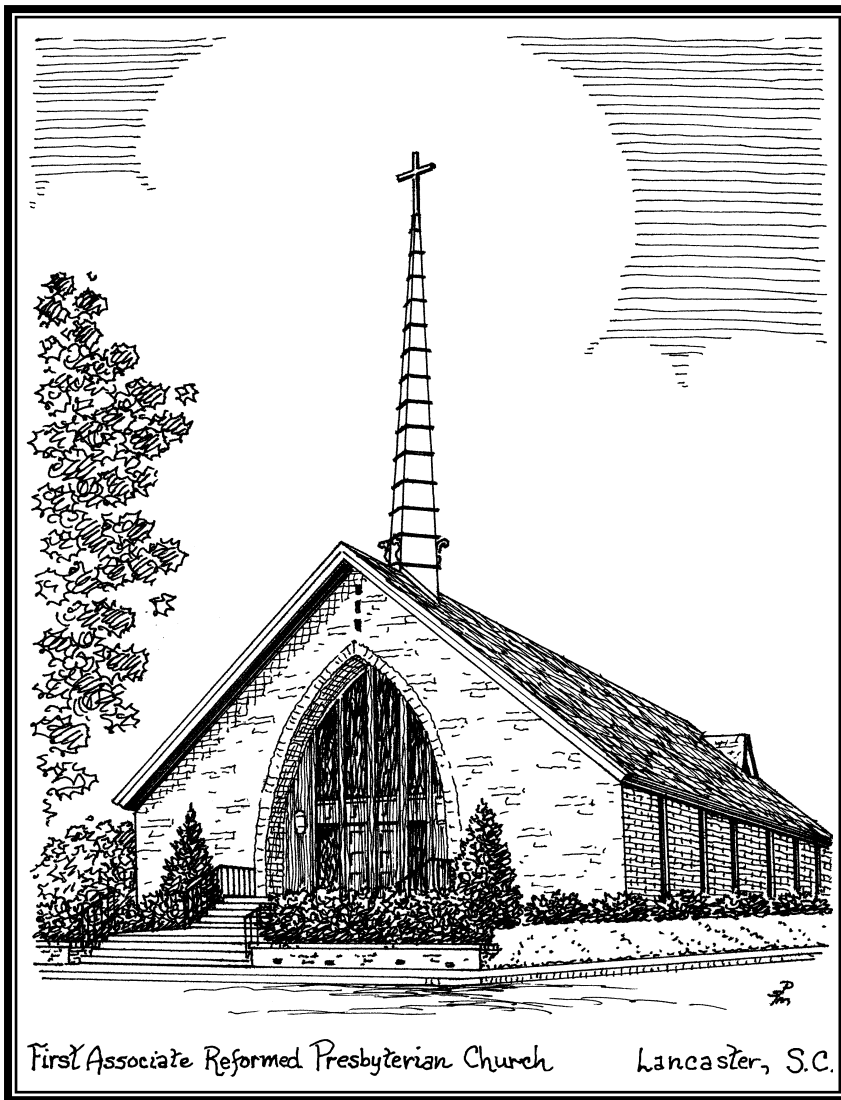




First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
August 16, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Suzanne Brown

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:3-6

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #190

“A Call To Universal Praise”

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**

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**

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

***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 #182

“Revive Us”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 393

Ezra 7:11-28

Sermon

“Always Reforming”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #94

“How Firm a Foundation” (verses 1-4, 6)

***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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Sermon Notes

Ezra 7:11-28 “Always Reforming”

1. Establish Biblical Worship
2. Pursue Heart Transformation
3. Take Courage in the LORD Fulfilled

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 MISSIONS	27	28 7:00 Session	29 6:00 Snack Sup- per and Board Games
2 COMMUNION	3	4	5 
9 12:15 Diaconate	10	11 6:30 GIG	12
16 5:00 Fall Kickoff	17	18 7:00 Session	19 6:00 WFN begins 7:30 Choir kick- off
23 MISSIONS Evening activities begin	24	25 12:00 FARPWM quarterly meet- ing	26 6:00 WFN
30 CARE	31	1	2 6:00 WFN

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 9:00 WM Walk
6  8:30 HSCO orientation 3:00 JL Circle	7 	8
13 8:30 HSCO Game Day	14 	15 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
20 8:30 HSCO	21	22 9:00 AE Circle 3:00 Ladies Tea
27 8:30 HSCO	28	29
3 8:30 HSCO 3:00 JL Circle	4	5 9:00 WM Walk

ANNIVERSARIES

12– Glenn & Anna Rhyne
 25– Brant & Katie Avant
 29– Stewart & Mallory Screpetis

BIRTHDAYS

2– Sam Ogburn
 3– Anna Rhyne
 7– Madelyn Rhyne
 7– Walter Screpetis
 11– Alaina Patterson
 16– Benny Brazell
 17– Susan Prete
 17– Richard Robinson
 21– Myra Sims

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Officer meeting
10:00 Morning Worship
11:15 Sunday School

Beginning Aug. 23:
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.

MEETINGS Session will meet Tuesday, August 18 at 7PM.

First ARP Women's Ministries will have its next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, August 25 at 12PM. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Choir Kickoff– August 19 at 7:30

Alison Erskine circle will meet August 22 at 9AM.

GIG will meet September 8 at 6:30 at the home of Suzanne Lever. Stay tuned for information on the discussion question.

FALL KICKOFF This evening we will hold a celebration to welcome us all back to our regular church schedule. Starting at 5PM, we will have a meal and outdoor fun, including bounce houses, bubbles, a slip-n-slide, and a dunk tank.

COOKS NEEDED We are still in need of cooks for our Wednesday Family Night meals. If you would like to prepare one meal or several, please add your name to the list on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS Our regular Sunday evening schedule will begin August 23. If you would like to teach or help with our elementary age children, please contact Jonathan **TO-DAY**.

LADIES TEA Ladies of all ages are invited to join us as our Women's Ministry hosts a Ladies Tea on August 22 at 3PM. Come as you are or dressed to your Downton Abbey nines and join in fellowship, food, games, and a time of devotion. Sign up on the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board **TO-DAY**.

SAVE THE DATE The Fall retreat to Bonclarken for Senior High youth will be September 25-27. The Middle School retreat for grades 6-8 is scheduled for November 13-15.

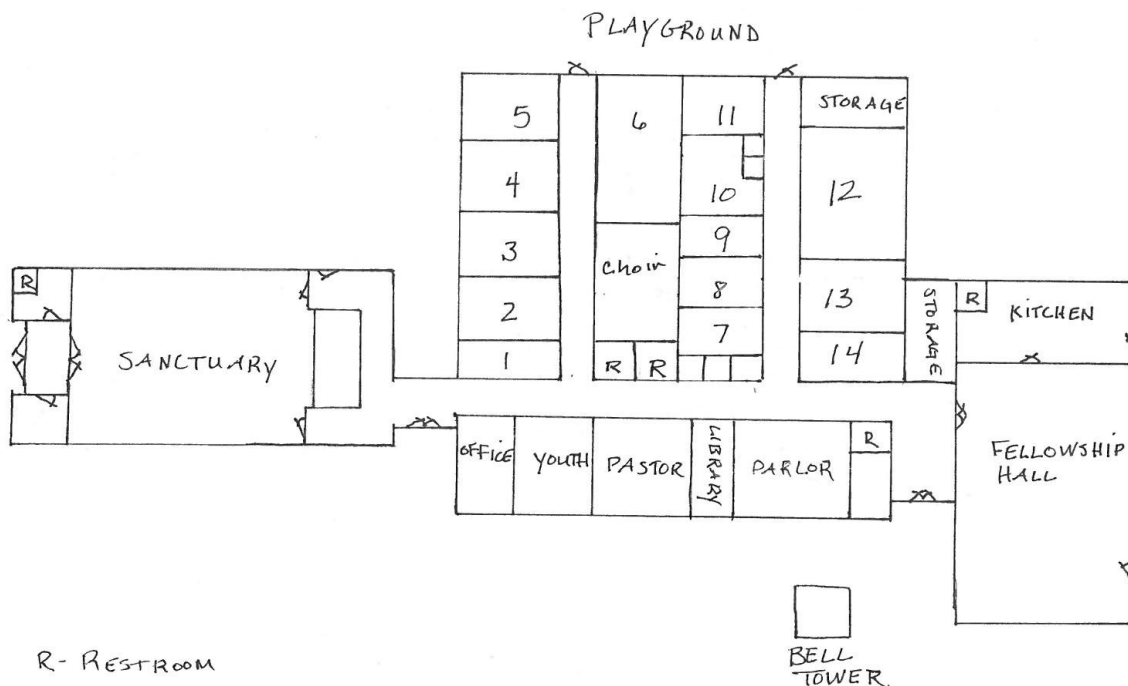
UPDATED ADDRESS Please mark your directory with the following information:
Judy Holland, 164 Grady Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732

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

August 16

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

August 9

Crystal Hardman– Surgery rescheduled

August 2

David Pokopac– Recovery from carpal tunnel surgery, Back to school: Students, parents, teachers, bus drivers, and support staff

July 26

JB Powell– Feeding tube removed

July 19

Jean Hollis - physical therapy and strength; Tracy Hardin - continued healing from surgery; Dell Ghent - continued healing; Children who came to VBS - that God would continue to work in their hearts

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 9, 2026	
Attendance	80/4
General Fund	\$3,939
Total GF contributions this month	\$8,686
Missions Fund	\$10

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	August 16
10:00	Nursery Miranda Bohler
	Toddlers Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso
11:00	Nursery Available
	Toddler Sunday School Susan Cauthen/ Stacy Pokopac
	Elementary Sunday School Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

August 23
Nursery Anna Rhyne
Toddlers Mallory Screpetis/ Taylor Prete
Nursery Available
Toddler Sunday School Susan Cauthen/ Beverly Culp
Elementary Sunday School Gene Hunter/ Nancy Ogburn

Officers	August
Elder	David Pokopac
Elder	Stewart Screpetis
Captain	Debbie Dickson
Co– Captain	Doug Patterson
Usher	Aaron Melton
Usher	David Pokopac
Usher	Stewart Screpetis

September
Mike Cauthen
Ed Ogburn
Mark Caskey
Walt Watford
John Mark Caskey
Mike Cauthen

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams	2026
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	
Organist– Mrs. Suzanne Brown	2027

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