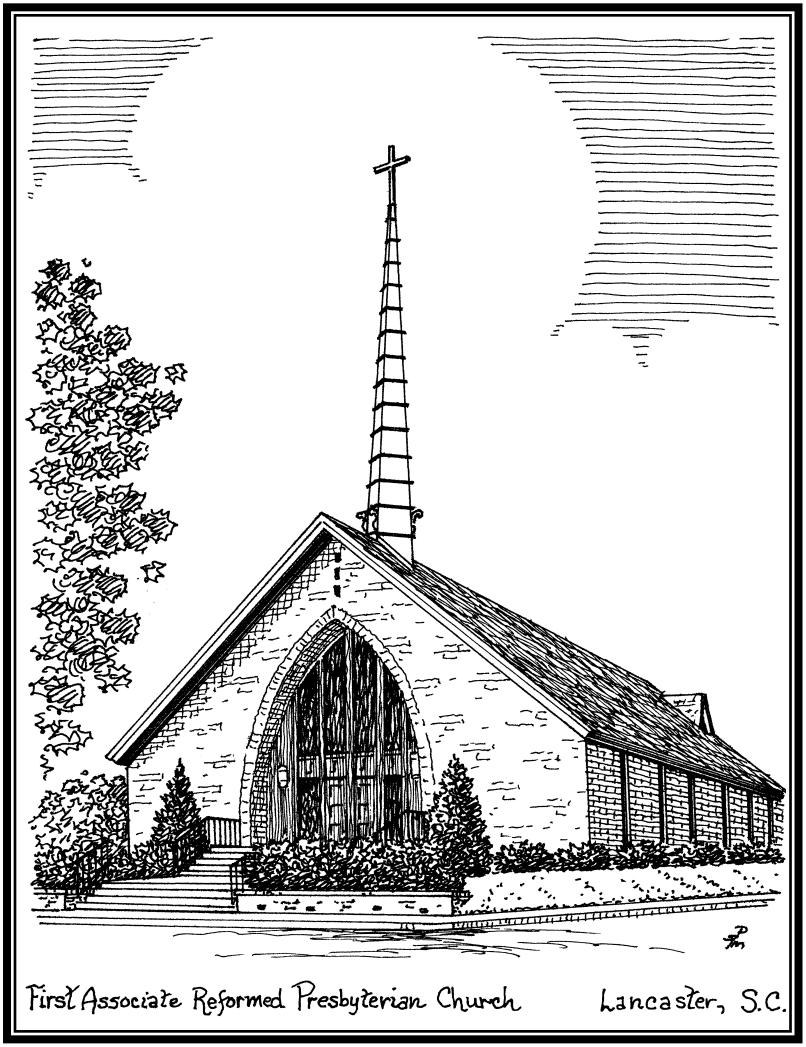

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 9:1-2

[1]I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
[2]I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

***Song of Praise** Blue ARP Psalter #108A

"God, My Heart Is Steadfast"

APROACHING 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 John 1:9-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

*stand as you are able

***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

**universal

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm** Blue ARP Psalter #192

"Better To Trust In the LORD"

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading** Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:5-9

Sermon

"Living Spirit Filled Lives– Part 5: Workers"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response** Red Trinity Hymnal #562

"All To Jesus I Surrender"

***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

Living Spirit Filled Lives– Part 5:Workers- Ephesians 6:5-9

1. Look To God

2. Work For Christ

3. Show No Partiality

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4 6:00 WFN
8 Sr. Hi Retreat 12:15 Diaconate	9	10 10:00 Presbytery-Columbia 6:30 GIG Disci-pleship	11 6:00 WFN
15	16 8:30 Life Line Screening	17 7:00 Session	18 6:00 WFN
22 MISSIONS M.S. Retreat	23	24	25
29 CARE	30	31	1

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	6 Sr. Hi Retreat	7 Sr. Hi Retreat 9:00 WM Retreat
12 8:30 LCHC	13	14
19 8:30 LCHC	20 M.S. Retreat	21 M.S. Retreat 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 LCHC Mom's brunch
26 8:30 LCHC	27	28 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered
2 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	3	4

ANNIVERSARIES

6– Don & Betsy Rushing

BIRTHDAYS

1– Sam Huey
4– Scott Brazell
6– Phil Baer
7– Caroline Williams
8– Frank Brackett
8- Beverly Culp
19– Lorri Crawford
21– Dell Ghent
26- Johnny Jones
27– Amanda Banholzer

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 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. You are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES We give a big thank you to everyone who helped prepare and present yesterday's Women's Retreat. Registration, gift bags, decorations, food, music, childcare, organizing and preparing the program, and many more tasks were necessary to make this event a success. This is the first time we've planned this event since Covid, and we hope to make this just one of many more.

EASTER EGG HUNT We will hold an Easter Egg hunt for children up to 5th grade on Saturday, April 4 at 10AM. Youth volunteers are requested to help hide eggs that morning, and donations of candy and prizes to fill the eggs will be collected until April 1. Contact Sam Prete with questions.

WORK WEEK The annual work week at Bonclarken will be April 20-23. Volunteer forms will be available soon. Contact Corinne Brackett with any questions.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Session will meet Tuesday, March 17 at 7PM. Fellowship Committee will meet in the library on March 22 at 12:15.

Senior Connect Day is at 9AM at 1st Pres. Columbia and Men's Prayer Breakfast is March 21 at 8AM. Sign up on the bulletin board or the church website.

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES The Lord's Day does not end after the morning service. Evening activities at the church include a 5:00PM Worship service, 6:00PM Fellowship, and 7:00PM Youth. We encourage you to take time for these opportunities to worship the Lord on His day.

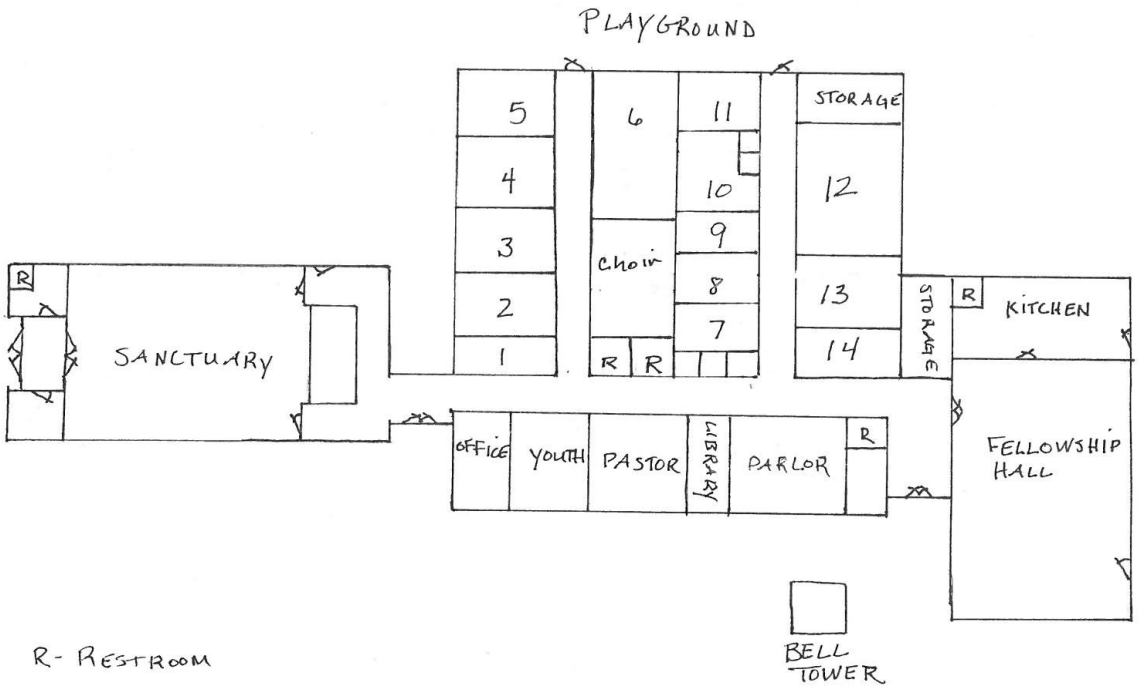
CHOIR INVITATION All current, past, and potential choir members are invited to meet in the choir room on Sundays at 9:40 as your Sunday morning duties allow. While we continue to seek a permanent Choir Director, it is good to be in the habit of leading in the singing of praise to God, especially if we often have Sundays when no pianist available. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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

March 15

Mallory Screpetis– Pregnancy, Jean Hollis– Back pain

March 8

Clovis Steele– Low spirits, Benny Brazell– Health, Ed Ogburn– Back injury, Crystal Hardman– Health, Dell Ghent– No more surgeries needed, JB Powell– More good days, Paul Robinson (Greta's brother)- Fluid on sciatic nerve, Betty Allen– Eating and movement improved, Sarah Allen Carson– Back surgery, Chris Pappas (Cauthen's Son In Law)- Working in Germany

March 1

Taylor Prete– Root canal/ pain, Sheryl Huey– Heart rhythm, Esther Shields– Upcoming scan, Dillard family– Adapting to parenthood, JB Powell– daily improvement, Jean Hollis– Health, Debby Hegler– Continued Radiation treatment, Doug Patterson– Regaining more movement, Kennedy (Brackett's granddaughter)- Gymnastics injury

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

Financials

March 8, 2026	
Attendance AM	64/7
Attendance PM	20/2
General Fund	$6,314
Total GF contributions this month	$10,115
Missions Fund	$204
Memorial Fund	$75

General Fund	**February**	**YTD**
Contributions	$17,592	$42,258
Expenditures	$17,264	$36,566
Difference	**$328**	**$5,692**
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	$50	$50
Expenditures	$2,000	$2,000
Missions Support		
Contributions	$819	$939
Expenditures	$1,054	$2,103
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	$310	$411
Expenditures	$0	$0

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	March 15	March 22
10:00	**Nursery**	**Nursery**
	Susan Cauthen	Susan Prete
	Toddlers	**Toddlers**
	Debbie Hardin/ Debbie Dickson	Mallory Screpetis/ Miranda Bohler
11:00	**Nursery**	**Nursery**
	Suzanne Lever	Debbie Dickson
	Toddlers	**Toddlers**
	Susan Cauthen	Susan Cauthen
	Elementary	**Elementary**
	Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn	Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso

Officers	March	April
Elder	Mike Cauthen	Sam Prete
Elder	Ed Ogburn	Richard Crawford
Captain	Mark Caskey	Glenn Rhyne
Co– Captain	Walt Watford	Jim Davis
Usher	John Mark Caskey	Sam Prete
Usher	Mike Cauthen	Richard Crawford
Usher		

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

	Elders	Deacons
2026	Richard Crawford	Debbie Dickson
	Sam Prete	Doug Patterson
2027	David Pokopac	Jim Davis- S
	Stewart Screpetis- VM	Glenn Rhyne
2028	Mike Cauthen- C	Mark Caskey-C
	Ed Ogburn	Walt Watford- VC