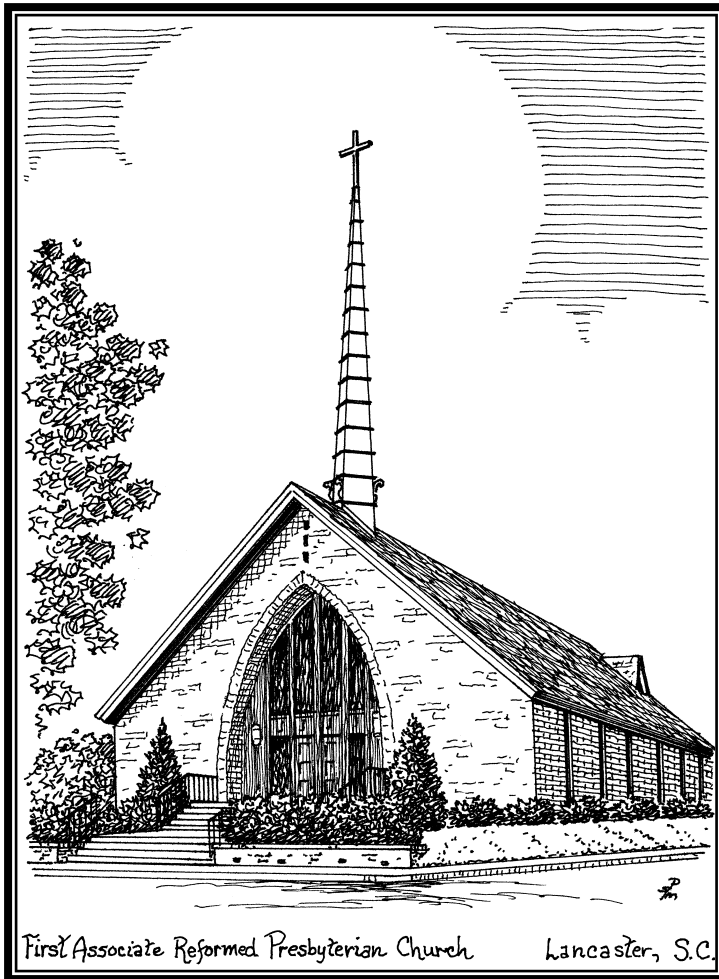




First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2025

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Kathy Weiss

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁴Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #103B

“Bless the LORD, My Soul”

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**

Isaiah 53:7-10

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not His mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

***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.*

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 #61A

“O God, Hear My Cry”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 977

Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon

“The God Who Answers”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #455

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

***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

The God Who Answers - Ephesians 3:20-21

1. Adjust Our View of God

2. Recognize Where God Gets Glory

3. Get An Eternal Perspective

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 MISSIONS 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	27	28 6:30 Elder Association– Edgemoor	29 6:00 WFN
2	3	4	5 6:00 WFN
9 12:15 Diaconate 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	10	11 6:30 GIG Discipleship	12 6:00 WFN
16 MS Retreat	17	18 7:00 Session	19 6:00 WFN
23 MISSIONS 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	24 11:00 LCHC meal	25	26 No WFN
30 CARE	1	2 8:30 LCHC showcase rehearsal	3 6:00 WFN

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 9:00 LCHC Craft Fair
6 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	7 Jubilee 3	8 9:00 WM Walk Jubilee 3
13 8:30 LCHC	14 MS Retreat	15 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast MS Retreat
20 8:30 LCHC	21	22 9:00 AE Circle
27 	28 	29
4 8:30 LCHC showcase / Christmas party	5	6

ANNIVERSARIES

2– Walt & Joan Watford
5– Mark & Lynda Caskey
6– Sam & Sheryl Huey

BIRTHDAYS

5– Joan Watford
12– Grace Kelso
19– Leo Screpetis
24– Lauren Tindal
27– Lynda Caskey

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.

CALLED MEETING Session will meet briefly in the library after Sunday School this morning.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP Next week, November 30, will be our last evening service for 2025. Please invite friends and family to join us for the events we will hold over the Christmas holiday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP **We will not have Wednesday Family night on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** We will meet December 3, 10, and 17. Remember to sign up for weekly meals on the bulletin board or the church website.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We will have our shoebox packing party on Wednesday, December 3 in place of our regular class and prayer time. If you have additional donations for shoeboxes, please bring them at this time.

For those interested in participating, our annual trip to the Charlotte Processing Center is Thursday December 4 from 6-10PM. You must be 13 or older to participate. At 4PM, the group will take the church bus to dinner at Wendy's near the processing center before starting their shift. Remember to bring money to cover your meal. Contact Lorri Crawford with questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, December 7 between morning Worship and Sunday School. During this meeting we will approve the 2026 budget and elect the next class of church officers. Copies of the budget are available at the side entrance.

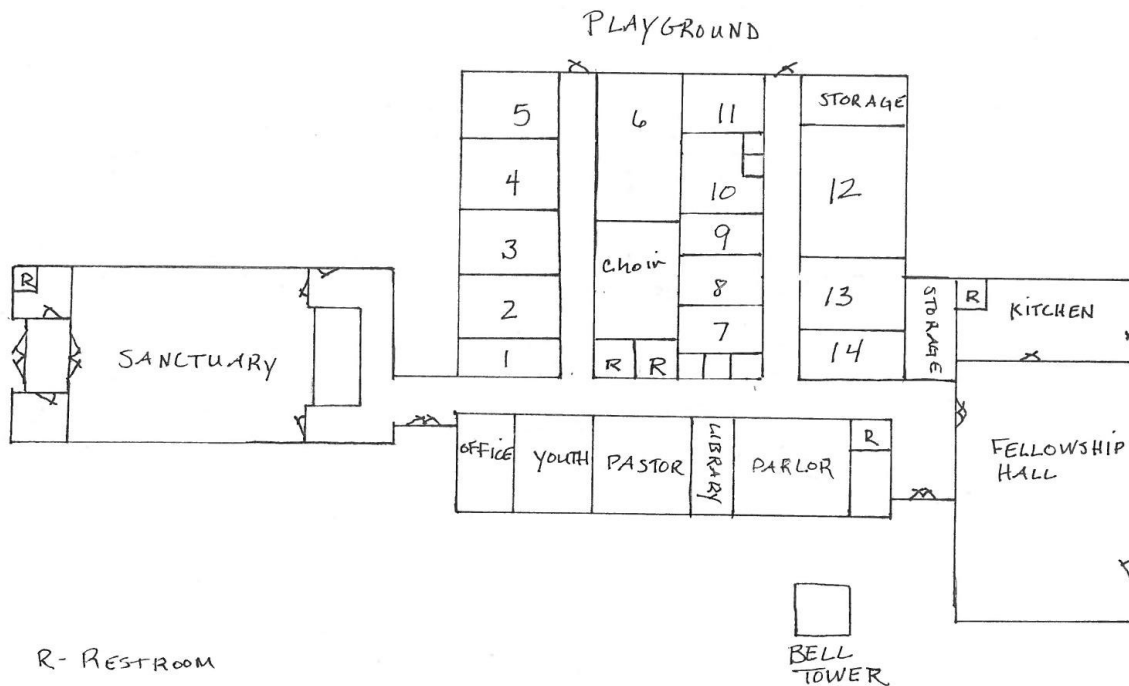
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Our Christmas music program and church Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 21. Join us in the Sanctuary for a time of music and a message at 5PM, then move to the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck meal and holiday entertainment. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.

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

November 23

Family of Tom Arant, Benny Brazell– Upcoming scans, Sam Huey– Nerve block procedure, Dell Ghent– New treatment for pain, Jay Kaufman (Stacy Pokopac’s step dad)- Pacemaker

November 16

Doug Patterson– Continued improvement/ now home, J.B. Powell - Strength during treatments

November 9

Tom & Betty Arant– Health, Benny Brazell– Upcoming MRI, Clovis Steele– Continued recovery, Sheryl Huey– Improving balance concerns

November 2

Holly Rivers– Recovery from surgery

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

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

November 16, 2025	
Attendance AM	92/4
Attendance PM	31/2
General Fund	\$4,426
Total GF contributions this month	\$18,755
Missions Fund	\$1174

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.

NEW ADDRESS

Pat McEachern
Lavender Hills
1061 Gold Hill Road
Fort Mill, SC. 29708

Volunteers

Childcare November 23

10:00

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Debbie Hardin/ Susan Prete

11:00

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford

November 30

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Mallory Screpetis/ Debby Hegler

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Anna Rhyne/ Debbie Dickson

Officers

Captain

Co-Captain

November

Richard Shields

Debbie Dickson

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

December

Glenn Rhyne

Richard Shields

Stewart Screpetis

Ed Ogburn

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2025

2026

2027

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-VC

Glenn Rhyne

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