

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, S.C.

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January 4, 2026

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ²Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #135A

“Hallelujah! Praise the LORD’s Name”

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 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic** church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

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 #4

“Answer When I Call”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

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Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon

“Walking In Love”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #479

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

***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’ly 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

“Walking In Love” - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
28 MISSIONS No PM Worship	29	30	31 
4 12:15 AE Circle	5	6	7 6:00 WFN begins
11 12:15 Diaconate 5:00 Evening Worship begins	12	13 6:30 GIG Discipleship	14 6:00 WFN
17	19 	20 7:00 Session	21 6:00 WFN
25 MISSIONS	26	27	28 6:00 WFN

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 	3
8 3:00 JL Circle	9	10 9:00 CPR class 11:00 Joint WM Lunch
15	16	17 8:30 Officer Training
22	23	24
29 8:30 LCHC	30	31



BIRTHDAYS

- 7- Elise Tindal
 - 8- Glenn Rhyne
 - 13- Elle Campbell
 - 15- Nancy Ogburn
 - 17- Alex Bohler
 - 18- Judi Holland
 - 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
 - 5:00** Evening Worship (Jan. 11)
 - 6:00** Fellowship (Jan. 11)
 - 7:00** Youth (Jan. 11)

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.

MAILBOXES 2026 Offering envelopes are available beside the mailboxes behind the choir loft. Contribution statements for 2025 will be delivered in the mailboxes by the end of January.

2026 CALENDAR Our Wednesday Family Night program will resume January 7. Sign up on the bulletin board or our church website by Tuesday each week. Dinner is \$5 per person or \$12 per family, followed by classes for all ages. Adults are studying the Westminster Confession of Faith.

On January 11, our Sunday evenings begin with Worship at 5PM, discussion and snacks at 6PM, and Youth at 7PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast in January will be replaced with officer training on January 17 and will begin the regular schedule on February 21. Please sign up for Officer Training by January 7 so we can have an accurate count for breakfast.

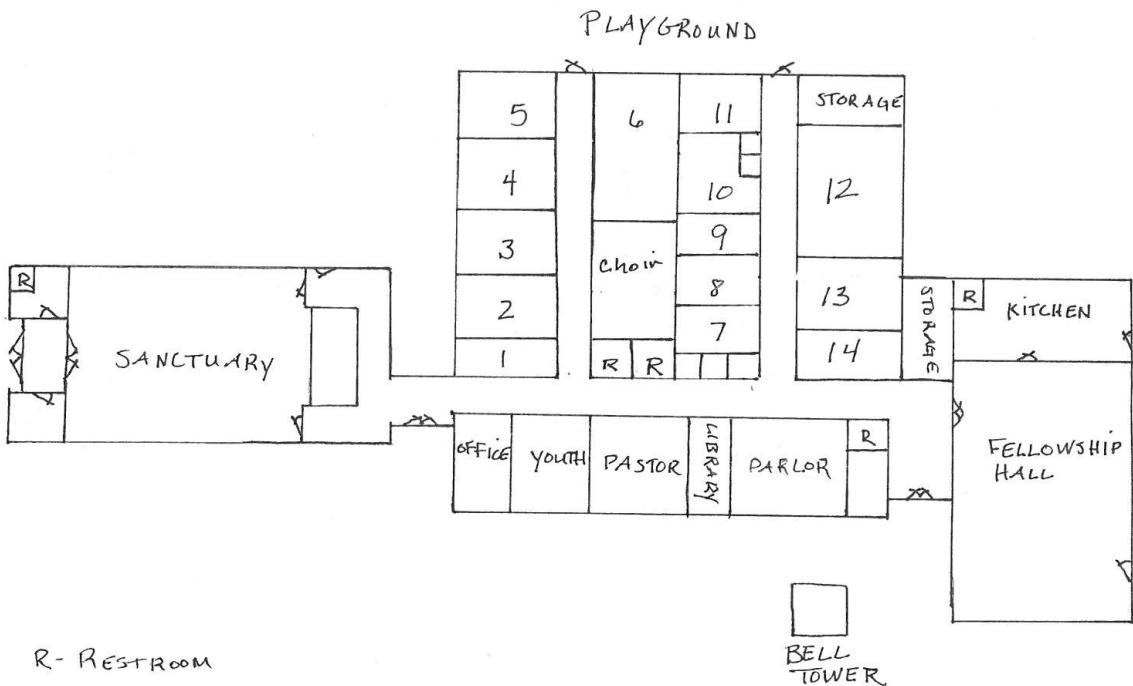
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES Women's Ministries will have a joint luncheon meeting on January 10 at 11AM. This event is open to all ladies of the church. We will discuss the 2026 Bible study focus as well as upcoming events for 2026.

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

January 4

Clovis Steele– Recovery in hospital

December 28

Sheryl Huey– A-Fib, Esther Shields– Chemotherapy

December 21

Doug Patterson– Continued Recovery, JB Powell– Radiation treatments, Will Jones– No biopsy/ antibiotics working

December 14

JB Powell– Finished Chemotherapy/ continued radiation, Dell Ghent- Continued recovery

Chronic Illnesses

Tanya McCree

Nursing Home/ Shut Ins

Betty Arant, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Richard Robinson, Pat Scruggs, 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

December 28, 2025	
Attendance AM	37/0
General Fund	\$2,995
Total GF contributions this month	\$17,162
Missions Fund	\$225

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	January 4	January 11
10:00	Nursery	Nursery
	Available	Anna Rhyne
	Toddlers	Toddlers
	Lorri Crawford/ Taylor Prete	Lorri Crawford/ Taylor Prete
11:00	Nursery	Nursery
	Available	Joan Watford
	Toddlers	Toddlers
	Susan Cauthen	Susan Cauthen
	Elementary	Elementary
	Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn	Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

Officers	January	February
Elder	Richard Crawford	David Pokopac
Elder	Sam Prete	Stewart Screpetis
Captain	Jim Davis	Debbie Dickson
Co-Captain	Glenn Rhyne	David Pokopac
Usher	Sam Prete	Stewart Screpetis
Usher	Frank Brackett	Frank Brackett

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-VC
	Stewart Screpetis	Glenn Rhyne
2028	Mike Cauthen	Mark Caskey
	Ed Ogburn	Walt Watford

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