

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026

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# Worship

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

## **ENTERING WORSHIP**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 147:1

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

### **\*Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #145A

*“I’ll Give You Praise, My God, O King”*

## **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**

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## **\*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 #15

*“Within Your Tent Who Will Reside?”*

### **\*Prayer for Illumination**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

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Ephesians 5:3-14

### **Sermon**

*“Walking In the Light”*

### **Prayer of Application**

## **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #457

*“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”*

### **\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup>The 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

Walking In the Light– Ephesians 5:3-14

1. Shunning Dark Deeds

2. Discerning God's Will

3. Shining In the Darkness

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>28 MISSIONS</b> No PM Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 
<b>4</b> 12:15 AE Circle	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 WFN begins
<b>11</b> 12:15 Diaconate 5:00 Evening Worship begins	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 GIG Disci- pleship	<b>14</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>18</b> 2:00 Liz Dillard Baby Shower	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 7:00 Session	<b>21</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>25 MISSIONS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 WFN

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



### 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.

**WELCOME BABY!** The Women's Sunday School class will host a baby shower for Liz & Caleb Dillard. Join us in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** from 2-4 pm to welcome baby Deborah Joy. The family is registered at:

[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/elizabeth-dillard-february-2026-lancaster/OQ69WNJIYMBV?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_mwn\\_dp\\_3AJPAZ76RCHDY7SWYSAT&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/elizabeth-dillard-february-2026-lancaster/OQ69WNJIYMBV?ref_=cm_sw_r_mwn_dp_3AJPAZ76RCHDY7SWYSAT&language=en-US)

**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** Sunday evening Worship resumes tonight at 5PM, discussion and snacks at 6PM, and Youth at 7PM.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in accordance with the ARP Center calendar.

Session will meet Tuesday at 7PM.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Alison Erskine Circle will meet at the church on Saturday, January 24 at 9AM to continue plans for our church women's retreat on March 7. All ladies of the church are invited to join us if you would like to help in any capacity.

Based on conversation at our last GIG meeting a Spiritual Gifts survey is available at <https://explorethebible.lifeway.com/downloads/adults-downloads/spiritual-gifts-inventory/>. Once you have taken an opportunity to explore your gifts, please consider using them for Women's Ministries as we look for ladies to serve as officers and helpers for our church Women's Ministries board. Contact Stacy Pokopac with questions.

Growing In God (GIG) will meet at 6:30PM on Tuesday, February 10. See the "What's Happening" bulletin board for more details as they are finalized.

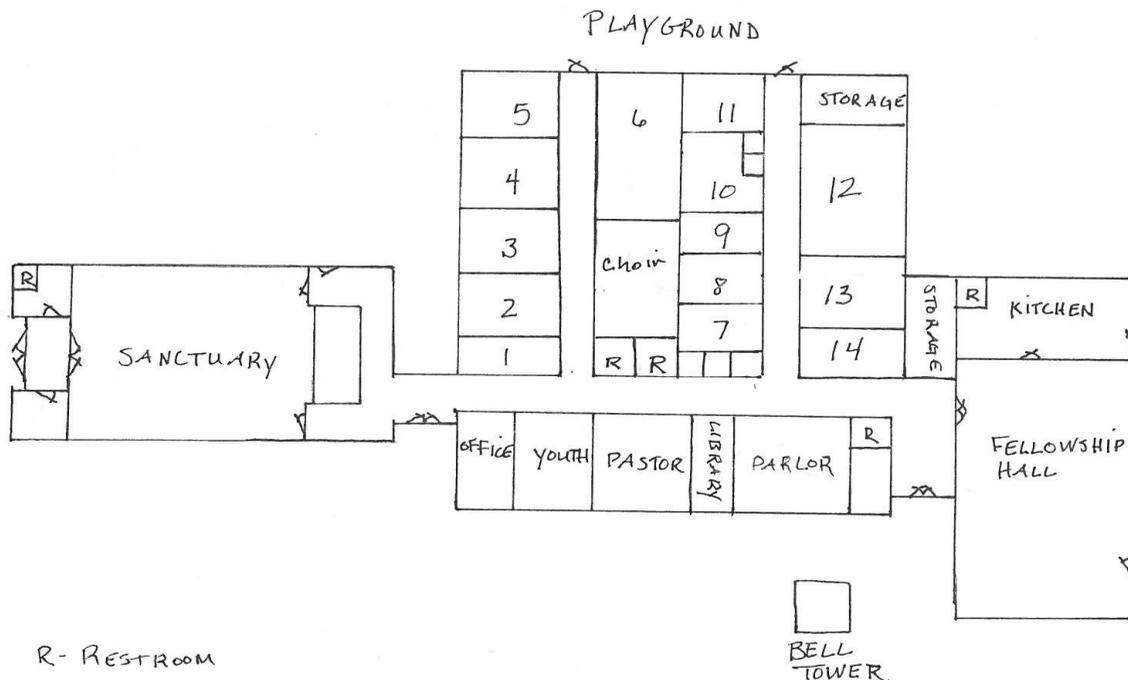
**YOUTH NEWS** The Sr. High retreat will be March 6-8 and the Middle School retreat will be March 20-22. If you are interested in chaperoning or attending either of these events, please contact Jonathan ASAP. Registration packets will be given to youth as they are available.

# 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 18**

Pat Scruggs– Hospital, Doug Patterson– Steady recovery, JB Powell– Continued recovery, Debby Hegler– Good surgical result and recovery, Clovis Steele– Return to Lancaster Grove, Sheryl Huey– A-fib monitoring, Esther Shields– Chemotherapy, Liz Dillard– Upcoming birth of Deborah Joy

## **January 11**

David Pokopac- Cleared of surgery restrictions, Rev. Jordan Bernard and family– Passing of mother/ recovery of grandmother from heart surgery, Betsy Rushing– Recovery from surgery, Steve and Beverly Culp– Safe return home, Tim Williams– Surgery to reattach bicep, Those suffering from seasonal illness

## **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

<b>January 11, 2026</b>	
Attendance AM	69/4
General Fund	\$12,129
Total GF contributions this month	\$16,709
Missions Fund	\$40

**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.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT** First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a Life Line Screening event on Monday, March 16, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. See the flyer on the “What’s Happening” bulletin board for more information and instructions on how to register.

# Volunteers

## Childcare January 18

10:00

### Nursery

Caroline Williams

### Toddlers

Debbie Hardin/ Debbie Dickson

11:00

### Nursery

Corinne Brackett

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

## January 25

### Nursery

Lynn Moore

### Toddlers

Mallory Screpetis/ Miranda Bohler

### Nursery

Suzanne Lever

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

## Officers January

Elder

Richard Crawford

Elder

Sam Prete

Captain

Jim Davis

Co-Captain

Glenn Rhyne

Usher

Sam Prete

Usher

Frank Brackett

## February

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Debbie Dickson

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Frank Brackett

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

2026

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2027

2028

## Elders

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Mike Cauthen

Ed Ogburn

## Deacons

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis-VC

Glenn Rhyne

Mark Caskey

Walt Watford

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