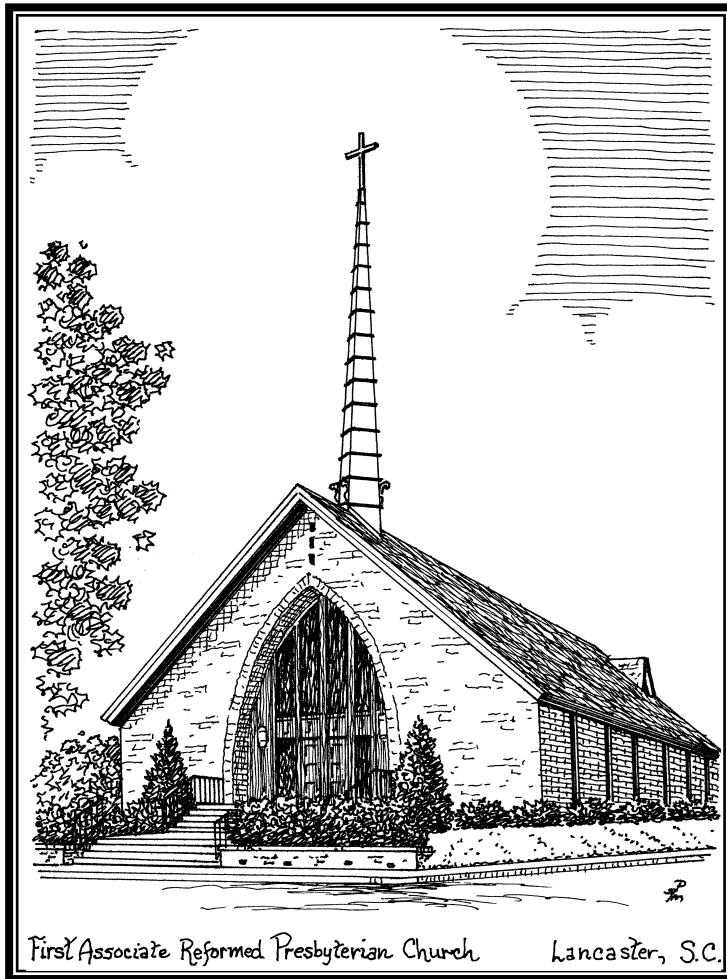




First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

August 2, 2026

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Suzanne Brown

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7a

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***Hymn**

Blue ARP Psalter #145A

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

APPROACHING GOD

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession and 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**

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

***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.*

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 116**

Blue ARP Psalter #191

"I Love the Lord"

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page #393

Ezra 6:16-22

Sermon

“The Purpose Of Providence”

Prayer of Application

***Hymn of Preparation**

Insert

“Behold the Lamb” (verses 1-3)

The Lord’s Supper

***Words of Institution**

***Prayer of Consecration**

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Insert

“Behold the Lamb” (verse 4)

***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

Ezra 6:16-22 “The Purpose of Providence”

1. Redeemed For Worship

2. Cleansed For Communion

3. Delivered For Joy

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
26 MISSIONS	27	28 7:00 Session	29 6:00 Snack Sup- per and Board Games	30
2 COMMUNION	3	4	5 	6
9 12:15 Diaconate	10	11 6:30 GIG	12	13
16 5:00 Fall Kickoff	17	18 7:00 Session	19 6:00 WFN begins 7:30 Choir kick- off	20
23 MISSIONS	24	25	26 6:00 WFN	27
30 CARE	31	1	2 6:00 WFN	3

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  8:30 HSCO orientation 1:00 JL Circle	31 	1 9:00 WM Walk
6  8:30 HSCO orientation 1:00 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 1:00 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. 16:
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. Members and visitors are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

ONA DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING At the recent meeting of the General Synod, a motion by Outreach North America was approved to set aside one Friday per quarter over the coming year specifically dedicated to prayer and fasting for revival and reformation within the ARP. On August 7, November 6, February 5, and May 7 please use the insert from today's bulletin to guide you as you pray for revival, reformation, outreach and church growth in our nation.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING A meeting to share details of our upcoming Congregational Retreat to Bonclarken (October 2-4) will be held August 9 immediately after morning Worship.

FALL KICKOFF On Sunday, August 16 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. Sign up on the bulletin board by **Wednesday, August 12** so we will have an estimate for the meal.

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 by August 16.

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. Wear your best tea time attire and join in fellowship, food, games, and a time of devotion. Sign up on the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board by **Sunday, August 1.**

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT We will resume meals on Wednesday evenings on August 19. We have some gaps in our cooking schedule, so if you are interested in cooking once, once a month, or anything in between, please visit the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board and fill in a blank slot.

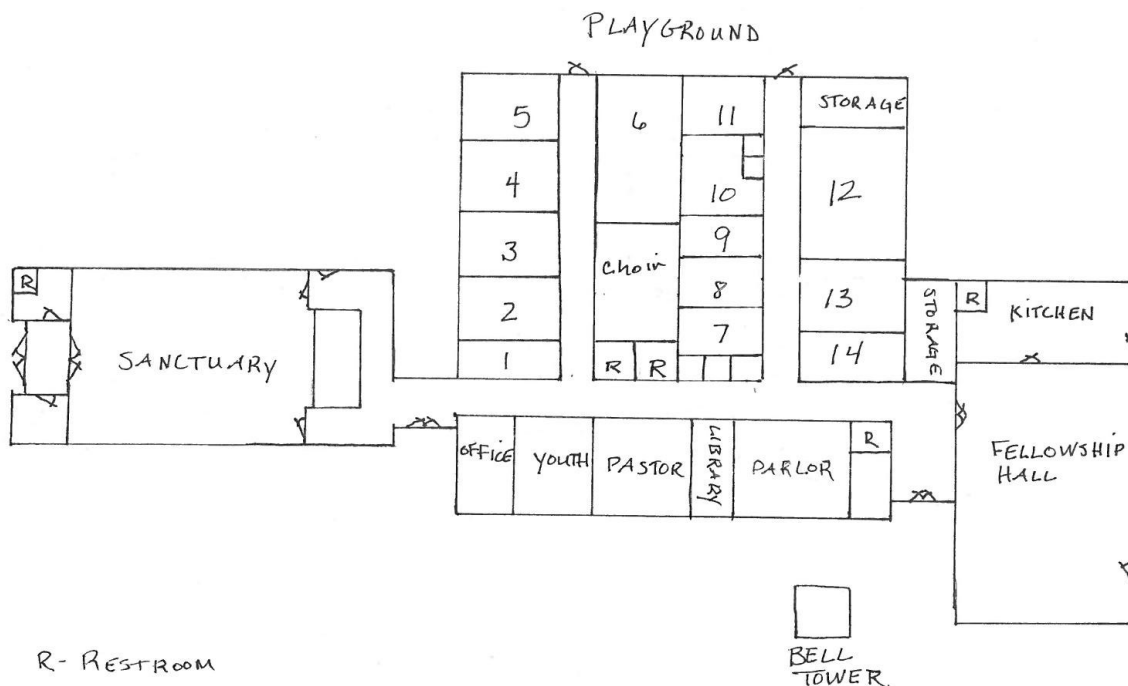
SAVE THE DATE The Fall retreat to Bonclarken for Senior High youth will be September 25-27. The Middle School retreat for grades 6-8 is scheduled for November 13-15.

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 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

July 12

Kathy Weiss– Complications from back surgery, Upcoming VBS, Continued growth in Christ for our church and community

July 5

Llewellyn Screpetis– Continued growth and development, Tracy Hardin– Continued recovery, Dell Ghent– Health, Jean Hollis– Health, Our Nation

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

July 28, 2026	
Attendance	65/5
General Fund	\$4,924
Total GF contributions this month	\$25,304
Missions Fund	\$2,165

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 2

10:00

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Corinne Brackett/ Susan Prete

11:00

Nursery

Available

Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Suzanne Lever

Elementary Sunday School

Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

August 9

Nursery

Available

Toddlers

Caroline Williams/ Lorin Melton

Nursery

Available

Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Joan Watford

Elementary Sunday School

Debby Hegler/ 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

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Organist- Mrs. Suzanne Brown

2026

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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

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