



# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Mrs. Ellen Mast

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

(tithes and offerings may be placed in the plate as you exit Worship)

## ENTERING WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 106:47-48

<sup>47</sup>Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. <sup>48</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

**\*Song of Praise**

Red Trinity Hymnal #1

*"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"*

*1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.*

*3 O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*

*2 The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*4 For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.*

## 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**

Psalm 91:14-16

Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

**\*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.*

**\*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 121**

Blue ARP Psalter #194

*“God Shall Guard From Every Ill”*

*1 To the hills I'll lift mine eyes,  
Whence my hopes of help arise;  
From the Lord comes all my aid,  
Who the earth and heav'n hath made.*

*2 He will ever be thy guide,  
And thy foot shall never slide;  
God His Israel That keeps  
Never slumbers, never sleeps.*

*Refrain:  
God shall guard (God shall guard from ill,)  
From ev'ry ill, (guard from ev'ry ill,)  
Keep thy soul (soul in safety still,)  
In safety still; (Keep thy soul in safety still;)  
Both without (Both without and in)  
And in thy door (without and in thy door)  
He will keep thee evermore.*

*3 God thy keeper still shall stand  
As a shade on thy right hand;  
Neither sun by day shall smite,  
Nor the silent moon by night.*

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

#### **\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 775

Jonah 4:1-11

#### **Sermon**

“A Temper Tantrum”

#### **Prayer of Application**

## **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

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

Red Trinity Hymnal 642

#### *“Be Thou My Vision”*

1 *Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

4 *Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

2 *Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

5 *High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's  
Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

3 *Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my  
pow'r.*

### **\*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*

# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>29 CARE</b> Congregational Retreat Morning Worship Only	<b>30</b>  <b>OFFICE OPEN at 12PM</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 Wednesday Family Night 7:30 Choir rehearsal
<b>6 COMMUNION</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 Wednesday Family Night 7:30 Choir rehearsal
<b>13</b> 5:00 Diaconate	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
<b>20</b> 12:30 AE Circle	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 Session	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 Fall Festival</b>
<b>27 MISSIONS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 Wednesday Family Night

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 HSCO</b> <b>3:30 JL Circle</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 Yard Sale</b> <b>9:00 CWM–</b> <b>Edgemoor</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 HSCO</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 Men’s Prayer</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>9:30 Mugs &amp;</b> <b>Muffins</b> <b>10:00 Sheltered</b>
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 HSCO</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>31</b> <b>8:30 HSCO</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>8:00 HSCO Craft</b> <b>Fair</b> 



## ANNIVERSARIES

8-David & Stacy Pokopac  
12– Butch & Dell Ghent

## BIRTHDAYS

1– Stacy Pokopac  
2– Kelly Sims  
4– Kurt Banholzer  
9– Susan Cauthen  
11– Niki Patterson  
12– Ben Rivers  
12– Matt Rivers  
17– Mark Caskey  
23– Don Rushing  
28– Ira Caskey  
30– Stewart Screpetis

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15** Officer meeting  
**10:00** Morning Worship  
**11:15** Sunday School  
**6:00** Evening Worship  
**7:00** Prayer meeting/ Youth group



# Announcements

**SEPTEMBER 29 WORSHIP SERVICE** While many are attending our annual Congregational Retreat at Bonclarken, there will be no Sunday School classes or childcare available today. There will also be no evening Worship.

**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 you exit the Sanctuary.

The reverse side of this card is for prayer requests. Please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Due to the rising cost of food and products related to Wednesday night suppers, we are forced to raise our price for the first time since these meals were started several years ago. As we move into October, the price for meals will be \$5 per person or \$12 for families of 3 or more.

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the women of our church and Presbytery for the program they started to recognize individuals who assist them in their many church ministries. On September 11 at our Wednesday night prayer meeting, Betsy and Corinne, on behalf of the Women's Ministry, explained that they would pick two individuals and the many ways they help the women and the congregation. I wondered how they could pick just two from the list of activities they shared. Right at the end, I realized they were describing Debby Hegler and myself. I was blown away and speechless. I know that's a first! The women of this church have a tremendous behind-the-scenes ministry that I am honored to be a part of. Thanks to all of you for your support of God's work in this church and beyond.

-Butch Ghent

**PLAYGROUND CAMPAIGN** Our current church playground has reached its life expectancy, and we are excited to announce a replacement plan! We invite you to be a part of the process through the First ARP Playground Giving Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by October 31, 2024. View the proposal board at the side entrance to see the vision and equipment selected for the playground, then prayerfully consider how you can help us reach this goal. Contributions can



be made by check (indicate “Playground” on the memo line), or online through our Vanco Mobile app. If you have questions about this fundraising campaign, questions can be directed to: Daniel Bohler- dab29720@yahoo.com, Jennifer Jaillette- wkJaillette@comporium.net, Lorri Crawford- lorri\_crawford@yahoo.com, or Mallory Screpetis- isilee721@gmail.com

**YARD SALE** We will hold a yard sale Saturday, October 12 to benefit the playground Giving Campaign. Donations can be placed in room 7 on the red hall. Contact the church office if you have larger items and need to arrange pickup.

**CATAWBA WOMEN’S MINISTRIES** Come join us for a day of fellowship, encouragement, and worship alongside your fellow ARP sisters! Our annual Gather and Grow Conference will be held Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 am-2:30 pm at Edgemoor ARP Church. The event is open to all women and is \$12/person at the door for lunch. Kindly RSVP by October 1st. Childcare is NOT provided, but CWM has offered to help find a solution if this prevents you from attending. Sign up on the Women’s Ministries bulletin board to register. You may also RSVP via the CWM email or by calling Edgemoor ARP directly at (803) 789-6336.

**FALL CRAFT FAIR** LCHC 17:20, the homeschool group that uses our church on Thursdays throughout the school year, will hold a craft fair at First ARP Church on Saturday, November 2. Their goal is to allow the children of the group to create and sell crafts and baked goods to raise their own money for Christmas gifts. They have invited anyone from our congregation who is interested to participate by setting up a table of their own. All proceeds go directly to the seller. If you would like to have a table at the craft fair, please contact the church office.

**SAVE THE DATE** We will hold a Fall Festival Wednesday, October 23. Stay tuned for more details.

**SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH** Our September focus is small games and toys such as cards, puzzles, marbles, harmonicas, and jump ropes.

**COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN**

Administration- Butch Ghent	Fellowship– Sam Prete	Outreach– Richard Crawford
Discipleship- Mike Cauthen	Missions- Sam Huey	Worship– Ed Ogburn
Building– Doug Patterson	Grounds– Daniel Bohler	Safety– Walt Watford
Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson		

# Prayer Guide

## **September 29**

Jean Hollis– Continued back pain, Kathleen Green– Swollen legs, Those impacted by Hurricane Helene

## **September 22**

Family of Clara Nell Robinson, Sam and Sheryl Huey– Covid, Katey Powell– Immunotherapy, Don Rushing– Knees, Jeff & Kathleen Green– New house, Candy Joldersma and family (Neely's Creek ARP), Dean and Kirsten Franklin– New baby

## **September 15**

Mike Scruggs– Fall in the home, Jean Hollis– Back, Mott Henley, Jim Davis– Surgery

## **September 8**

Nancy Ogburn– Hand injury, Kimberly Hefner– Recovery from hip replacement surgery, Bill Walker (Stacy Pokpac's Dad)- Car wreck in Texas

## **September 1**

Rev. Roy Beckham– Stroke, Katey Powell– Health, Sam Huey– Bone marrow biopsy results, Mott Henley– Bronchitis, Leo Screpetis– Damaged teeth from a fall

## **Chronic Illnesses**

Tanya McCree

## **Nursing Home/ Shut Ins**

Virginia Fleming, 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)

# Financials

<b>September 22, 2024</b>	
Attendance– AM	70/4
Attendance– PM	15/1
General Fund	\$6,840
Total GF contributions this month	\$14,146
Missions Fund	\$221
Care Fund	\$122
Playground Giving Campaign	\$1,756

**AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION** It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to be given every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. Are you ready to take a step of faith? Would you like to make sure you support the financial needs of the church even when you can't be here in person? Visit our website at **[FirstARPLancaster.org/Giving](https://www.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.

# Volunteers

**Childcare    September 29**  
**10:00        BONCLARKEN RETREAT**  
 No Childcare provided

**11:00**

**October 6**  
**Nursery**  
 Susan Cauthen  
**Toddlers**  
 Holly Rivers/ Sarah Claire Rhyne  
**Nursery**  
 Corinne Brackett  
**Toddlers**  
 Susan Cauthen/ Mott Henley  
**Elementary**  
 Suzanne Lever/ Lorri Crawford

**Officers        September**  
 Richard Crawford  
 Sam Prete  
 Debbie Dickson  
 Doug Patterson

**October**  
 Ed Ogburn  
 Mike Cauthen  
 Richard Shields  
 Susan Cauthen

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams        2024  
 Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac  
 Pianist- Mrs. Carol Hinson            2025

Mike Cauthen  
 Ed Ogburn  
 Butch Ghent-VM  
 Sam Huey- C  
 2026 Richard Crawford  
 Sam Prete

## Deacons

Daniel Bohler- VC  
 Susan Cauthen- S  
 Richard Shields- C  
 Debbie Dickson  
 Doug Patterson

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