

First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
May 17, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Carol Hinson & Mrs. Marilyn Baer

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

Recognition of Graduates

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:3-5

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #103A

“O 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**

Psalm 32:1

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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 #18A

"I Love You, LORD"

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:18-20

Sermon

"The Armor Of God– Part 8: Prayer In the Spirit"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #629

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

***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.*

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Sermon Notes




Ephesians 6:18-20 “The Armor Of God– Part 8: Prayer In the Spirit”

1. Pray Always

2. Understand Our Need

3. Ask For Boldness

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 MISSIONS No evening activities until August	27	28 2:00 LCHC Rehearsal 7:00 Session	29 6:00 WFN
3 12:15 Spring picnic	4	5	6 6:00 WFN
10	11 LCHC VBS	12 6:30 GIG Discipleship	13 6:00 Last WFN
17 GRADUATION SUNDAY 12:15 Graduate reception 2:00 Mallory Screpetis baby shower	18	19 7:00 Session	20
24 MISSIONS 12:15 Diaconate	25 	26 	27 
31 CARE	1	2	3

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 LCHC Show- case	1	2 3:00 LCHC Grad- uation/ party
7 3:00 Jean Love Circle	8	9
14	15	16 8:00 Men's Pray- er Breakfast
21	22	23 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered Ministry event
28 	29 	30
4	5	6



ANNIVERSARIES

- 19– Daniel & Miranda Bohler
- 22– Richard & Lorri Crawford
- 23– Matt & Lindsey Rivers

BIRTHDAYS

- 3– Emily Prete
- 18– Jennifer Jaillette
- 21– Izzy Screpetis
- 26– Corinne Brackett
- 28– Richard Crawford

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30** Officer meeting
- 10:00** Morning Worship
- 11:15** Sunday School



Announcements

PRAYER REQUESTS The reverse side of our attendance card is for all prayer requests. You are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

YARD SALE We will hold a yard sale Saturday, May 30 from 8-AM-12PM. Proceeds will offset family contributions to youth summer camps. Items can be brought directly to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, May 24. We are not accepting items that require more than one person to carry. Contact Mallory Screpetis or Anna Rhyne with questions.

MAY 17 Today is a busy day for our church:

1. We will recognize our graduates during morning Worship. Congratulations to high school graduates Sarah Claire Rhyne, Myra Sims, Ellis Wulfert, and Erskine College graduate Peter Sims.
2. A reception for graduates will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15.
3. A baby shower for Mallory Screpetis will be held from 2-4PM. Join us as we celebrate the newest “Little Sprout”. The expectant mother asks only for diapers and wipes.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Beginning June 7, all adult classes will meet for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall for a four week study on evangelism and outreach. The goal of this series is to teach us how to engage others and share our faith. If you have any questions, please ask Jonathan.

MEETINGS Session will meet May 19 at 7PM.

Diaconate will next meet on May 24 at 12:15 PM.

Fellowship Committee will meet in the Library on May 31 at 12:15 to discuss summer activities.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed May 25-29.

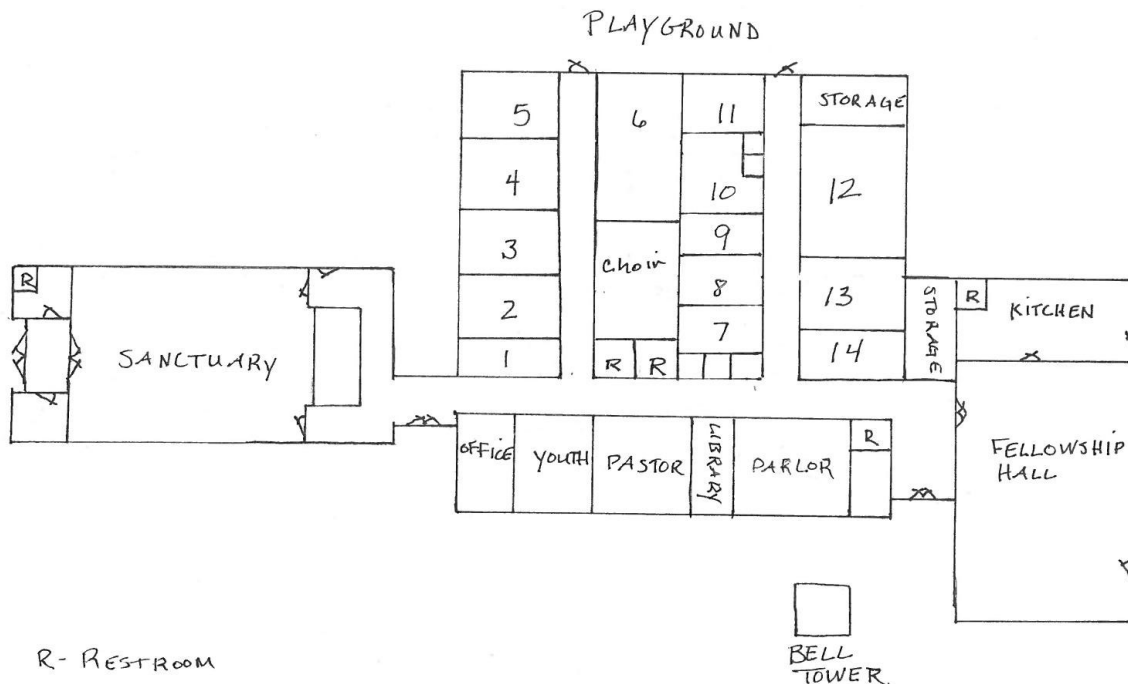
CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE Please mark your church directory and email address books. The email contact for Sam Huey is now **HueysOnOmni@yahoo.com**.

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

May 17

Praise for today's graduates: Sarah Claire Rhyne, Myra Sims, Peter Sims, and Ellis Wulfert, Sheryl Huey– Much improved health, Dell Ghent– Recovering from fall, Walter Screpetis– Recovering from fall, JB and Katey Powell– travel, Betty Arant– Probate process ongoing, Doug Patterson– Prayers for strength, Esther Shields– Upcoming treatment, Jean Hollis- Back pain

May 10

Clovis Steele– Improving health, Ed Ogburn– Improvement since injection, Nancy Ogburn– Improved health, Crystal Hardman– Enlarged thyroid/ upcoming endocrinologist appointment, Benny Brazell– Doing well after stress test, Dean & Kirsten Franklin– Baby girl arrived May 6, Carson (Brackett's grandson)- Will play semi-pro soccer in Little Rock, AR

May 3

David Pokopac– Upcoming gall bladder surgery May 18

April 26

The family of Dave Mohr, The family of Ira Caskey III, Betty Arant, Rhyne family– House hunt, The country's political climate

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

May 10, 2026	
Attendance	73/4
General Fund	\$3,144
Total GF contributions this month	\$6,676
Missions Fund	\$60

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 **May 17**

10:00

Nursery

Lynn Moore

Toddlers

Mallory Screpetis/ Stacy Pokopac

11:00

Nursery

Debby Hegler

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso

May 24

Nursery

Lorri Crawford

Toddlers

Debby Hegler/ Beverly Culp

Nursery

Corinne Brackett

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Gene Hunter/ Jim David

Officers **May**

Elder Stewart Screpetis

Elder David Pokopac

Captain Doug Patterson

Co- Captain Debbie Dickson

Usher David Pokopac

Usher Stewart Screpetis

Usher

June

Ed Ogburn

Mike Cauthen

Walt Watford

Mark Caskey

Mike Cauthen

John Mark Caskey

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Elders

2026 Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

2027 David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis- VM

2028 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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