

First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 32:10-11

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

***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 le

ad 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 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

***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 #51A

“God, Be Merciful To Me”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:15

Sermon

“The Armor Of God– Part 4: The Boots Of the Gospel”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #481

“Turn Your Eyes Upon 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 6:15 “The Armor Of God– Part 4: The Boots Of the Gospel”


1. Sure Footing

2. Peace With God

3. Peace In Action

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
29 CARE 	30 	31 	1 6:00 WFN 	2 8 3
5 EASTER/ COMMUNION No evening activities 	6 	7 	8 6:00 WFN 	9 8
12 12:15 Diaconate 	13 	14 6:30 GIG Discipleship 	15 6:00 WFN 	16 8
19 	20 Bonclarken Work Week	21 	22 6:00 WFN 	23 8
26 MISSIONS 5:00 Last Evening Worship 	27 	28 2:00 LCHC Rehearsal 7:00 Session 	29 6:00 WFN 	30 8 c

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 LCHC</p> <p>10:00 JL Circle</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 LCHC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Plant Swap</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30 LCHC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 LCHC Dance</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 LCHC</p> <p>→</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AE Circle</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 LCHC Showcase</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:00 LCHC Graduation</p>

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Kurt & Amanda Banholzer
- 6- Caleb & Liz Dillard
- 7- Richard & Esther Shields
- 24- Philip & Stacey Pegram

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Taylor Prete
- 2- Knox Rhyne
- 2- Clovis Steele
- 4- Hannah Powell
- 9- Collin Patterson
- 9- Walt Watford
- 10- Lian Melton
- 12- Philip Pegram
- 15- Greta Cureton
- 17- Kayson Avant
- 23- Noah Williams
- 25- Karen Welch
- 27- Crystal Hardman
- 29- Betty Arant

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 Officer meeting
- 10:00 Morning Worship
- 11:15 Sunday School
- 5:00 Evening Worship
- 6:00 Fellowship
- 7:00 Youth

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.

MEETINGS There will be a congregational meeting April 26 immediately following the morning Worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the election of Frank Brackett and Sam Huey to Elder Emeritus status.

Deacons will meet today at 12:15.

GIG will meet April 14 at 6:30PM.

Session will meet April 28 at 7:00PM.

SPRING PICNIC Our Spring picnic will be May 3 after Sunday School. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share as we fellowship.

EASTER OFFERING Contributions to the denominational Easter Offering will be collected throughout the month of April. Envelopes for contributions are available at the side entrance of the church or mark “Easter Offering” on the memo line of your check.

WORK WEEK The annual work week at Bonclarken will be April 20-23. Volunteer forms are available on the “Sign Me Up” bulletin board. Contact Corinne Brackett for the volunteer form or any questions.

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES The Lord’s Day does not end after the morning service. Evening activities at the church include a 5:00PM Worship service, 6:00PM Fellowship, and 7:00PM Youth. We encourage you to take time for these opportunities to worship the Lord on His day.

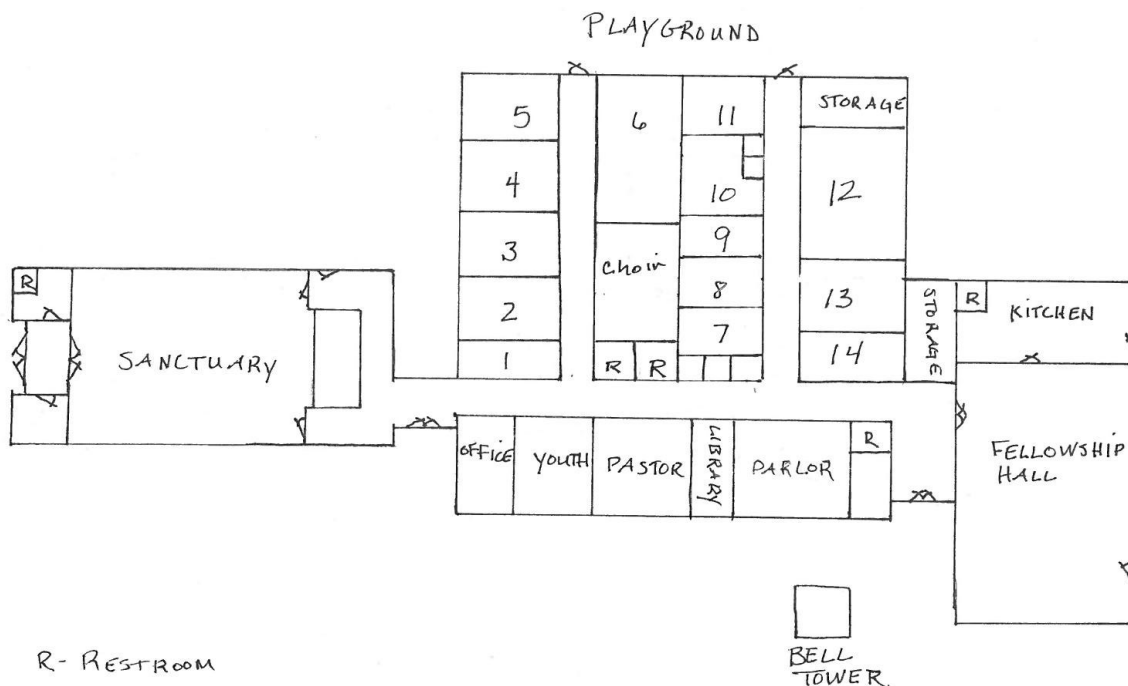
CHOIR INVITATION All current, past, and potential choir members are invited to meet in the choir room on Sundays at 9:40 as your Sunday morning duties allow. While we continue to seek a permanent Choir Director, it is good to be in the habit of leading in the singing of praise to God, especially if we often have Sundays when no pianist available. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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

April 12

The family of Tanya McCree, The family of Fred Adams, The family of Drake Starnes (local family), Jean Hollis– Bone fractures in lower back, Hannah Powell– Stomach issues, Doug Patterson – Continued improvement in body movement, Greta Cureton– Good CT report & bone biopsy, Ed & Nancy Ogburn– Improved health, Mallory Screpetis- Potassium levels/ electrolytes

April 5

Happy 99th Birthday Clovis Steele, JB Powell– Cancer free, Mallory Screpetis– Pregnancy, Benny Brazell– Good heart monitor results, Sam Huey– Good cardiology report

March 29

Clovis Steele– Keeping in good spirits, Betty Arant– Widowhood, Dell Ghent– Improving daily, Lorri Crawford– Clear scans

March 22

Debby Hegler- Treatments complete, Esther Shields- Continuing treatment, Doug Patterson– New wheelchair & continued improvement, Avis Titus (Miranda Bohler’s mom)– Recovery from neck surgery, Sarah (Rebekah Carson’s mom)– Good recovery

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- TBD	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Mark Caskey
Grounds– Doug Patterson	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Financials

April 5, 2026	
Attendance AM	92/6
Attendance PM	N/A
General Fund	\$4,095
Total GF contributions this month	\$4,095
Missions Fund	\$140
Care Fund	\$20
Easter Offering	\$265

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 April 12

10:00 Nursery
Lorri Crawford

Toddlers
Caroline Williams/ Sarah Claire Rhyne

11:00 Nursery
Miranda Bohler

Toddlers
Susan Cauthen

Elementary
Glenn Rhyne

April 19

Nursery
Debby Hegler

Toddlers
Debby Hegler/ Lorri Crawford

Nursery
Debby Hegler

Toddlers
Susan Cauthen

Elementary
Katey's Mission Lesson

Officers April

Elder Sam Prete
Elder Richard Crawford
Captain Glenn Rhyne
Co- Captain Jim Davis
Usher Sam Prete
Usher Richard Crawford
Usher

May

Stewart Screpetis
David Pokopac
Doug Patterson
Debbie Dickson
David Pokopac
Stewart Screpetis

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