

First Associate Reformed  
Presbyterian Church

July 12, 2026

# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Mrs. Suzanne Brown

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

## ENTERING WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! <sup>6</sup>For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings<sup>b</sup> is like the LORD, <sup>7a</sup>a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

**\*Song of Praise**

Red Trinity Hymnal #30

*“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”*

## 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**

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

## **\*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**

Red Trinity Hymnal #614

*“Now Israel May Say, and Tat In Truth”*

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

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 392

Ezra 5:1-17

### **Sermon**

*“Revived By Providence”*

### **Prayer of Application**

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

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

Red Trinity Hymnal #616

*“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”*

### **\*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.*

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# Sermon Notes

Ezra 5:1-17 “Revived By Providence”


1. Preach the Word

2. Trust God's Prevention

3. See God's Work

# July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>28 MISSIONS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 TARPs– Hamrick’s/ Cracker Barrel</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 Pizza and a Movie</b>
<b>12</b> <b>12:15 Diaconate</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 GIG</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 VBS Work Day</b> <b>3:00 Youth pool party</b>
<b>19</b> <b>11:00 VBS Cele- bration</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 TARPs- Bil- ly Graham Li- brary</b>
<b>26 MISSIONS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 Session</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 Snack Sup- per and Board Games</b>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 3:00 Jean Love Circle	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 9:00 WM Walk
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:00 VBS	<b>18</b> 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 VBS
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 AE Circle
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2– Phil & Marilyn Baer
- 5– Scott & Lynn Moore

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1– John Mark Caskey
- 3– Eliana Pokopac
- 4– Summer Bohler
- 5– Esther Shields
- 6– Mike Cauthen
- 9– Amelia Rhyne
- 11– Katie Avant
- 13– Suzanne Lever
- 17– Miranda Bohler
- 17– Ian Patterson
- 17– Sarah Claire Rhyne
- 25– Carter Adams
- 25– Daniel Bohler
- 30– Betsy Rushing

## 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.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS** This year's VBS weekend is GALAXY: Launching Kids On a Mission Of God's Love and will be held July 17-19.

- A brief volunteer meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** after Sunday School.
- A decoration work day will be held **July 15** from 10AM to 2PM.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES** This group has been busy planning activities and fellowship opportunities for the summer. We hope to see you there. Here are opportunities for July:

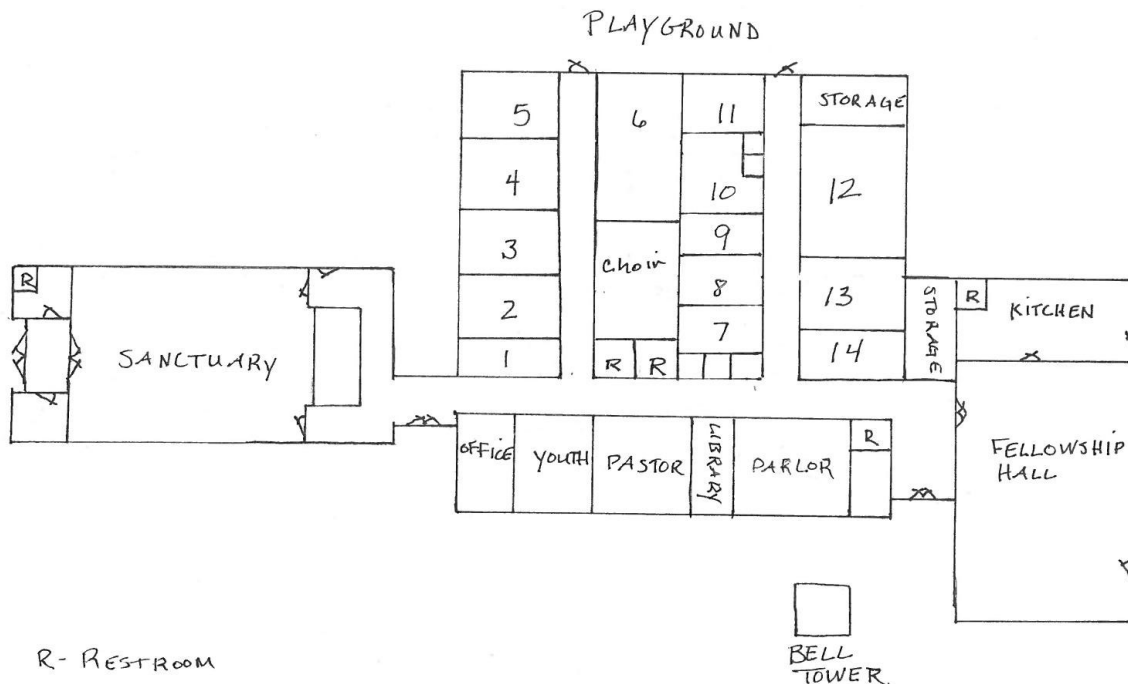
- July 15 at 3PM– Youth Pool Day at Prete home
- July 22 Travelling ARPs will be headed to the Billy Graham Library on July 22. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, July 14. Contact Sam Prete with questions.
- July 29 at 6PM– Snack Supper and Board Games: Bring your favorite games and snacks to share.

# 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

## **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

## **June 28**

Welcome baby boy Llewellyn Aimuewell Screpetis, Gene Jordan (Lynda Caskey’s dad)- Recovering from a fall, Donnie Walker (Stacy Pokopac’s uncle)- going home next week after a stroke

## **June 21**

Praise– New organist Suzanne Brown starts July 1, Praise Esther Shields –Cancer in remission, Kathy Weiss– Recovery from back surgery

## **June 14**

Betty Arant– Health, The Family of Doug Faulkenberry (Anna Rhyne’s uncle)

## **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

<b>July 5, 2026</b>	
Attendance	56/7
General Fund	\$8,704
Total GF contributions this month	\$12,909
Missions Fund	\$421

**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 July 12

### 10:00 Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Stacy Pokopac/ Beverly Culp

### 11:00 Nursery

Available

### Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Anna Rhyne

### Elementary Sunday School

Debbly Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

## July 19

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Debbly Hegler/ Greta Cureton

### Nursery

Available

### Toddler Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Katey Powell

### Elementary Sunday School

Debbly Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

## Officers July

Elder Richard Crawford

Elder Sam Prete

Captain Jim Davis

Co- Captain Glenn Rhyne

Usher Sam Prete

Usher Richard Crawford

Usher

## August

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Aaron Melton

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams 2026

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Organist- Mrs. Suzanne Brown 2027

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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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