

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, S.C.

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January 25, 2026

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# Worship

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

Mrs. Carol Hinson

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

## **ENTERING WORSHIP**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 148:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**\*Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #177

*“My Heart Was Glad”*

## **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**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

## **\*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.*

## **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 #30

*“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past” (1-4)*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

**\*Scripture Reading**

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Ephesians 5:15-21

**Sermon**

“Walking Wisely”

**Prayer of Application**

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #646

*“Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts”*

**\*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’ly 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

Walking Wisely – Ephesians 5:15-21

1. Redeeming the Time

2. Being Spirit Filled

3. Living Humbly

# February 2026

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday                            | Wednesday             |
|--|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>25 MISSIONS</b>                                     | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                          | <b>28</b><br>6:00 WFN |
| <b>1 COMMUNION</b>                                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                           | <b>4</b><br>6:00 WFN  |
| <b>8</b><br>12:15 New Members Lunch<br>12:15 Diaconate | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>6:30 GIG Discipleship | <b>11</b><br>6:00 WFN |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>7:00 Session          | <b>18</b><br>6:00 WFN |
| <b>22 MISSIONS</b>                                     | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b>             |

| Thursday                                | Friday                                  | Saturday                                       |
|---|---|--|
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 LCHC                  | <b>30</b>                               | <b>31</b>                                      |
| <b>5</b><br>8:30 LCHC<br>3:00 JL Circle | <b>6</b>                                | <b>7</b>                                       |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30 LCHC                  | <b>13</b><br>2:00 LCHC Valentines Party | <b>14</b>                                      |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30 LCHC                  | <b>20</b>                               | <b>21</b><br>8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast       |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30 LCHC                  | <b>27</b>                               | <b>28</b><br>9:00 AE Circle<br>10:00 Sheltered |



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1– Mott Henley
- 2– Sydnee Banholzer
- 9– Mary Strickland
- 13– Roy Beckham
- 15– Conner Tindal
- 24– Lynn Moore
- 27– Ed Ogburn

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:15** 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. Members and visitors are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

**NEW MEMBERS LUNCH** We will recognize our new members of 2025 on February 8. Join us for a pot luck luncheon at 12:15PM.

Through the Souper Bowl of Caring, we will also support our local food pantry at HOPE in Lancaster with donations of money and canned goods as we root for our favorite team in the Super Bowl. Bring donations Sunday morning to drop off as you enter the Fellowship Hall for lunch. Please make checks payable to First ARP Church.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT** Next month, we will revive a favorite activity from the past. Stay tuned for more details on this fellowship opportunity.

**MAILBOXES** 2025 Contribution statements and 2026 Offering envelopes are available at the mailboxes behind the choir loft.

**MEN'S MINISTRIES** The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, February 21 at 8AM.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Growing In God (GIG) will meet at 6:30PM on Tuesday, February 10. See the "What's Happening" bulletin board for more details.

**YOUTH NEWS** The Sr. High retreat will be March 6-8 and the Middle School retreat will be March 20-22. If you are interested in chaperoning either of these events, please contact Jonathan. Registration packets will be given to youth as they are available.

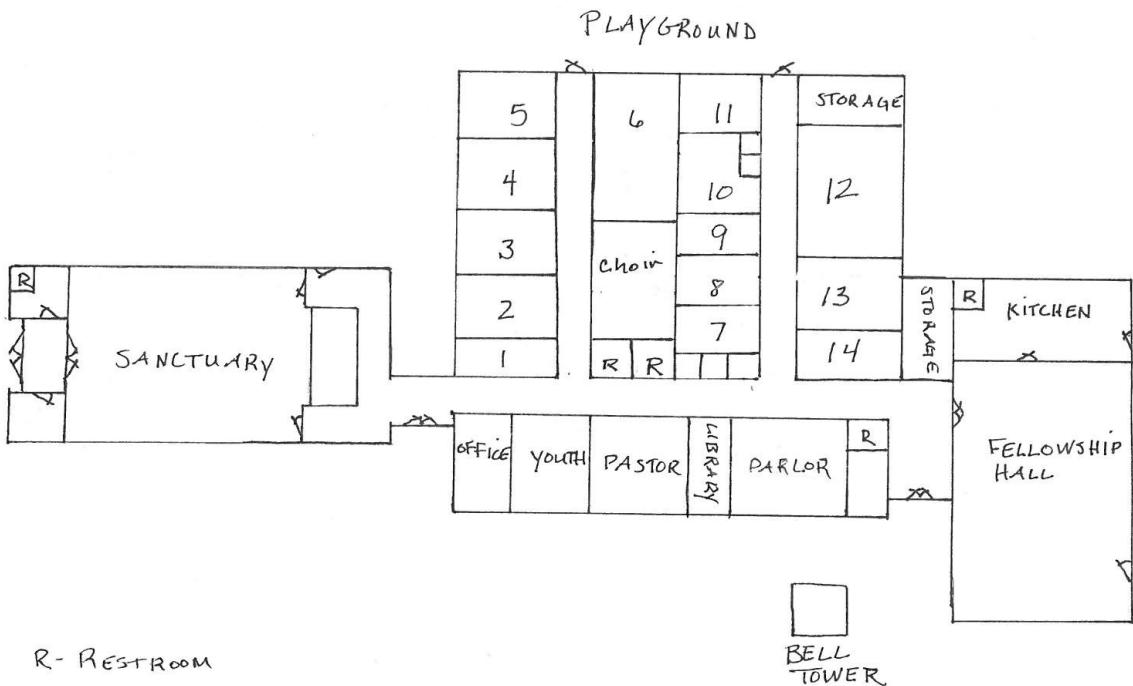
**LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT** First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a Life Line Screening event on Monday, March 16, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. See the flyer on the "What's Happening" bulletin board for more information and instructions on how to register.

# 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

## **January 25**

Family of Pat Scruggs, Dangerous weekend weather, Clovis Steele– Hospital, JB Powell– Praise for improved strength, Phil Baer– RSV/ pneumonia, Dell Ghent– Pending MRI

## **January 18**

Doug Patterson– Steady recovery/ therapy, Debby Hegler– Good surgical result and recovery, Sheryl Huey– A-fib monitoring, Esther Shields– Chemotherapy, Liz Dillard– Upcoming birth of Deborah Joy

## **January 11**

David Pokopac- Cleared of surgery restrictions, Rev. Jordan Bernard and family– Passing of mother/ recovery of grandmother from heart surgery, Betsy Rushing– Recovery from surgery, Steve and Beverly Culp– Safe return home, Tim Williams (Jonathan’s dad) – Surgery to reattach bicep, Those suffering from seasonal illness

## **Chronic Illnesses**

Tanya McCree

## **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 Screpelis

Missions- TBD

Worship– David Pokopac

Building– Doug Patterson

Grounds– TBD

Safety– Walt Watford

Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

# Financials

| <b>January 18, 2026</b>           |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Attendance AM                     | 71/8     |
| Attendance PM                     | 21/2     |
| General Fund                      | \$7,753  |
| Total GF contributions this month | \$19,882 |
| Missions Fund                     | \$50     |

**ONLINE GIVING** If you would like to make contributions online, visit our website at [FirstARPLancaster.org/Giving](http://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

| <b>Childcare</b> | <b>January 25</b>              | <b>February 1</b>           |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>10:00</b>     | <b>Nursery</b>                 | <b>Nursery</b>              |
|                  | Katey Powell                   | Lynn Moore                  |
|                  | <b>Toddlers</b>                | <b>Toddlers</b>             |
|                  | Debbie Dickson/ Miranda Bohler | Stacy Pokopac/ Joan Watford |
| <b>11:00</b>     | <b>Nursery</b>                 | <b>Nursery</b>              |
|                  | Suzanne Lever                  | Debbie Dickson              |
|                  | <b>Toddlers</b>                | <b>Toddlers</b>             |
|                  | Susan Cauthen                  | Susan Cauthen               |
|                  | <b>Elementary</b>              | <b>Elementary</b>           |
|                  | Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn     | Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso  |

| <b>Officers</b> | <b>January</b>   | <b>February</b>   |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Elder           | Richard Crawford | David Pokopac     |
| Elder           | Sam Prete        | Stewart Screpetis |
| Captain         | Jim Davis        | Debbie Dickson    |
| Co-Captain      | Glenn Rhyne      | David Pokopac     |
| Usher           | Sam Prete        | Stewart Screpetis |
| Usher           | Frank Brackett   | Frank Brackett    |

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams  
Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

|      | <b>Elders</b>         | <b>Deacons</b> |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2026 | Richard Crawford      | Debbie Dickson |
|      | Sam Prete             | Doug Patterson |
| 2027 | David Pokopac         | Jim Davis-VC   |
|      | Stewart Screpetis- VM | Glenn Rhyne    |
| 2028 | Mike Cauthen- C       | Mark Caskey-C  |
|      | Ed Ogburn             | Walt Watford   |

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