

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Mrs. Carol Hinson

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 107:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**\*Song of Praise**

Red Trinity Hymnal #181

*“We Come, O Christ, to You”*

**1** *We come, O Christ, to you,  
true Son of God and man,  
by whom all things consist,  
in whom all life began:  
in you alone we live and move,  
and have our being in your love.*

**4** *You only are true Life,  
to know you is to live  
the more abundant life  
that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you:  
in us each day your life renew!*

**2** *You are the Way to God,  
your blood our ransom paid;  
in you we face our Judge  
and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand,  
your love has met your law’s demand.*

**5** *We worship you, Lord Christ,  
our Savior and our King,  
to you our youth and strength  
adoringly we bring:  
so fill our hearts, that all may view  
your life in us, and turn to you!*

**3** *You are the living Truth!  
All wisdom dwells in you,  
the Source of every skill,  
the one eternal TRUE!  
O great I AM! In you we rest,  
sure answer to our every quest.*

## **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**

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

### **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\*\* church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

### **\*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.*

## **MEANS OF GRACE**

### **\*Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #51A

*“God, Be Merciful To Me”*

**1** *God, be merciful to me;  
On Your love I rest my plea.  
By Your vast abounding grace,  
My transgressions all erase.  
From the stain of every sin,  
Wash, and make me clean within.*

**2** *For my sins before me rise,  
Always present to my eyes.  
I have sinned 'gainst You alone,  
In Your sight I've evil done;  
So Your words are proven true,  
Righteous are Your judgements ,too.*

**3** *Truly, I was born in sin,  
Sinful when conceived within.  
Surely You desire to find  
Faithfulness in heart and mind;  
You will, deep within my heart,  
Wisdom unto me impart.*

**4** *O with hyssop sprinkle me,  
And from sin I clean will be;  
Wash me from its stain, and so,  
I'll be whiter than the snow.  
Make me hear joy's cheering voice,  
Let the bones You crushed rejoice.*

### **Prayer for Needs**

### **Opening the Scripture and Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 844

Mark 9:14-29

### **Sermon**

“Only By Prayer”

### **Prayer of Application**

## **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

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

Red Trinity Hymnal #535

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”*

**1** *O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.*

*Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to thy glorious rest above.*

**2** *O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, nevermore;*

*how he watches o'er his loved ones,  
died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

**3** *O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee.*

### **\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

#### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **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*

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# Sermon Notes




# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>26 MISSIONS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 Wednesday Family</b>
<b>5 SR. HI RE-TREAT</b> <b>12:00 Youth Group meeting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b> <b>7:30 Choir practice</b>
<b>12</b> <b>5:00 Diaconate</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 Presbytery – Bethany ARP</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 Session</b> <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 Alison Erskine Circle</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 Wednesday Family</b> <b>7:30 Choir practice</b>
<b>26 MISSIONS</b> <b>MS RETREAT</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 Wednesday Family</b>



**Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

<b>2</b> 3:00 JL Circle	<b>3 SR. HI RE-TREAT</b> 10:00 Men's Book Study	<b>4 SR. HI RE-TREAT</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 Men's Book Study	<b>11</b> 
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 Men's Book Study	<b>18</b> 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>23</b>	<b>24 MS RETREAT</b> 10:00 Men's Book Study	<b>25 MS RETREAT</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

**ANNIVERSARIES**

6– Don & Betsy Rushing  
18– James & Danielle Deese

**BIRTHDAYS**

1– Sam Huey  
6– Phil Baer  
8– Frank Brackett  
10– Kyle Sims  
14– Matthew Peterson  
18– Barton Henley  
19– Lorri Crawford  
21– Dell Ghent  
26– Johnny Jones  
27– Amanda Banholzer  
29– Buddy Lever

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**10:00** Worship  
**11:15** Sunday School  
**6:00** Evening Worship  
**7:00** Fellowship/ Youth group



# Prayer Guide

## **March 19**

Greta Cureton- platelets normal, Bob Kent (Debbie Dickson's uncle)- hospice, Grace Kelso- Travel to Taiwan with siblings, Mike Scruggs- Stent in leg April 5/ stress test on hold, Gene Hunter- Fall from porch, Erin Tindal- Tooth, Glenn Rhyne- Job opportunities, Senior Connect event, Rev. John Rogers- Back issues, Lancaster County Coroner Carla Deese and staff, Rev. Bill McKay- Moderator of Synod

## **March 12**

Dell Ghent- Recovery from cataract surgery, Kathy O' Brien- cancer free, Bernard family- Son's health, Mildred & Ken Morris (Nancy Ogburn's sister)- health, Bohler family- Health, Pat Scruggs- Improved health, Carol Sargeant- Car wreck and repair, FCA, Dan McGinty- Alzheimers, George Counts- Recovery from hernia surgery, Nancy Wonderlich- Cancer, Florence Cranney- Hospice

## **March 5**

Johnny (Debby Hardin's dad)- bone marrow transplant/ Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Selena (Scruggs adopted daughter)- migraine surgery, Pamela Huey- improving health, Keith Birdsong (Carole Sargeant's son)- Covid/ leukemia/ salvation, Greece train wreck

## **Chronic Illnesses**

James Deese, Buddy Lever, Tanya McCree, Nancy Wonderlich

## **Nursing Home/ Shut Ins**

Kenny Caskey, Virginia Fleming, Sally Lloyd, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Clara Nell Robinson, Richard Robinson

## **Missionaries**

Phil Baer, Rebekah Carson, Mark & Natalie Witte

## **Church Planters**

King's Church (Columbia), Arsenal Hill (Columbia)

## **Military**

Spencer Estrada (USN), Alex Coale (USMC), Dillon Coale (USN), Remington Totten (USN), Nick Lee (USA)

# Financials

<b>March 12, 2023</b>	
Morning attendance	59/2
Evening attendance	37/?
General Fund	\$1,536
Total GF contributions this month	\$6,723
Missions Fund	\$20

**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** to make a one time or repeating contribution. Contact the church office with any questions.

It is a great honor to have with us this weekend the Moderator of Synod and his Wife. Bill and Janet McKay are from Ontario, Canada and he is a ruling elder at the Grace ARP church in Canadian Presbytery. Bill has been a good friend through the years as we have worked together at various points at Synod. We have both been regular attendees at the Banner of Truth Conference every Spring.

What is the Moderator of Synod? This is the man who is chosen each year to lead our denominational meeting. Note well, I did not say lead our denomination. He is not the CEO or even the President. It is more like the speaker of the House of Representatives. He is responsible for planning and leading the meeting of Synod in June. He serves as the moderator of the ARP Synod Executive Board. He is an ex officio member of many of the boards and committees of Synod.

Bill was elected in 2021 as Moderator-elect. He spent the first year planning and then running the meeting of Synod. This last year he has served as moderator. He will turn over the position to Rev. Rob Patrick. It is our tradition (and rule) to rotate Minister and Ruling elders every other year. The same is with the Vice-moderator of Synod. When there is a Ruling Elder moderator then the Vice moderator is a minister and vice-a-versa. Bill's Vice Moderator is Rev. David H. Lauten who was formerly pastor at Shiloh ARP and is a friend of our congregation.

The moderator also has an ambassadorial role within the Synod. He has travelled all over the US and Canada to represent the ARP Church. Bill has also volunteered and travelled with World Witness even before he retired. Pray for Bill and his wife Janet as they continue to travel and as Bill finishes up his work as moderator of our Synod.

This is the description of the office from the ARP Manual of Authorities and Duties:

## **MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL SYNOD**

### **Manner of Selection:**

At the annual meeting of the General Synod, one or more teaching or ruling elders are nominated as Moderator-Elect, and voting is by secret ballot. The Moderator Elect becomes Moderator at the first new business session at the next stated meeting of the General Synod. If the Moderator-Elect is unable to serve as Moderator Elect, the Vice Moderator-Elect shall assume the office of Moderator Elect and the most recent Past Moderator shall assume the office of Vice Moderator-Elect. When an office has been filled by a Past Moderator, the first order of new business at the next meeting of the General

Synod will be the election of an officer or officers to fill any office assumed by said Past Moderator. (1998 Synod)

**Term of Office:**

One year from the first business session of the stated meeting of Synod following his election until the first new business session of the subsequent stated meeting of the General Synod.

When the retiring Moderator is a ruling elder, he shall have the privilege of the floor and voting rights in subsequent meetings of General Synod as long as he is a member in good standing in an ARP congregation. (2011 Synod )

**Duties:**

• To preside over the meeting of the General Synod and to perform the duties of the presiding officer which shall include:

1. Open the sessions at the hour appointed.
2. Announce the business before the court.
3. State and put all questions properly brought before the court.
4. Take the vote and announce the result.
5. Decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two (2) members.
6. Appoint Moderator's Committees, subject to the approval of the Court.

- To serve as Chairman of the Executive Board.
- To represent the denomination at official functions he is requested to attend.
- To serve as an advisory member of all boards, committees and the Ecclesiastical Commission.
- To promote the work of the denomination in presbyteries and congregations and at special church gatherings.
- To plan and arrange for the annual meeting of the General Synod and to encourage attendance with a pastoral letter from the Incoming Moderator to those churches that did not send a ruling elder to the previous meeting. This letter should be sent no later than January each year. (2002 Synod)
- To make a report of his work to the General Synod.
- To chair an annual meeting of the executive employees of the General Synod to discuss areas of mutual concern. (1990 Synod)

Dr. Kyle E. Sims-Pastor

# Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS** 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 these cards are for prayer requests. Anyone attending today is invited to fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate as you leave today's service.

**PASTOR'S FAREWELL** The Session met this week and has finalized the pastoral transition plan. April 30th will be Pastor Kyle's last Sunday preaching and there will be a dinner following the service. More details on the dinner will be shared as they are available.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Remember to sign up on the Church Events bulletin board or the church website by Sunday if you wish to have dinner on Wednesday evening. We have had great success with several groups providing meals each week and need to be sure they have accurate numbers when planning those meals.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Thank you to all who give their time to provide childcare during morning Worship and Sunday School. However, we are still in need of volunteers to cover some slots during morning Worship throughout the year. If you are able to assist on any of the following Sunday's, please contact Debby Hegler or Mike Cauthen: April 30 & June 11.

**HOPE DONATIONS** HOPE requests the following items for its food pantry: Juice, Spaghetti Pasta, Canned Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Dry Beans.

Please do not give family size containers or glass jars. Donations can be placed on the shelves near the Fellowship Hall.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mar. 19– Moderator of Synod– Evening Worship

Mar. 21– Alison Erskine Circle

Mar. 22– Choir practice

Apr. 7– OFFICE CLOSED

Apr. 9– Easter/ Communion Sunday

**COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN**

Administration Clerk - Buddy Lever

Discipleship- Michael Cauthen

Outreach– Butch Ghent

Internal Needs -Suzanne Lever

Building-Sam Prete

Fellowship- Ed Ogburn

Missions– Sam Huey

Worship- Frank Brackett

Safety -Walt Watford

Grounds- Keith Jaillette

# Volunteers

## CHILDCARE

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

## March 19

VOLUNTEER

NEEDED

Suzanne Lever

Lorri Crawford

## March 26

Dell Ghent

Greta Cureton

Gene Hunter

Debbie Dickson

## OFFICERS

Elders

Captain

Co-Captain

## March

Butch Ghent

Sam Huey

Suzanne Lever

Keith Jaillette

## April

Frank Brackett

Buddy Lever

Daniel Bohler

Debby Hegler

## Staff

Pastor-Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Pianist- Mrs. Carol Hinson

Pastoral Intern- Mr. Joel Haan

Evening Music- Rev. David Huffman

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Frank Brackett

Buddy Lever- C

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Mike Cauthen

Ed Ogburn

2025

Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey

## Deacons

Debby Hegler- S

Suzanne Lever

Sam Prete- C

Daniel Bohler

Keith Jaillette- VC

Susan Cauthen

Richard Shields

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