

First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Carol Hinson

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-3

¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. ²Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! ³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #28B

“The LORD be Blessed”

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 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

***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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #183

“Under His Wings”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:16

Sermon

“The Armor Of God– Part 5: The Shield Of Faith”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #307

“Nothing But the Blood”

***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 6:16 “The Armor Of God– Part 5: The Shield Of Faith”


1. Take Up Faith

2. A Personal Shield

3. Defend Against Darts

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 called 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. They will be acknowledged at our church picnic on May 3.

There will be a called Session meeting in the Library on Sunday at 12:15 to receive new members. Session will hold their regular meeting 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.

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 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.

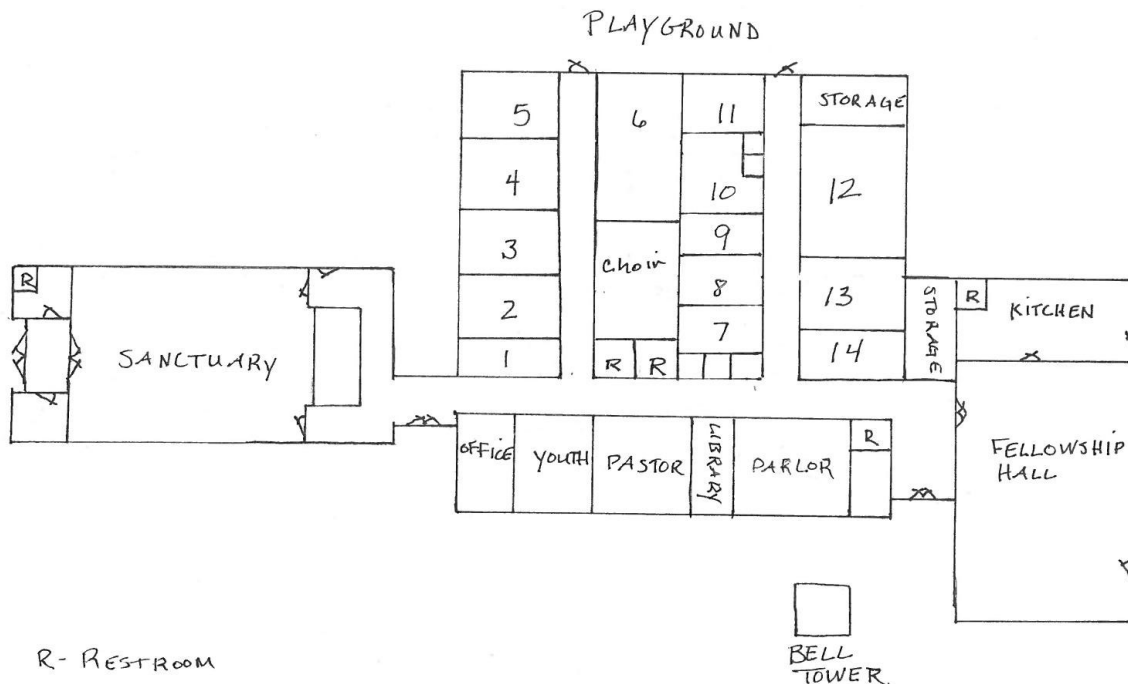
CHOIR INVITATION All current, past, and potential choir members are invited to meet in the choir room on Sundays at 9:40 as your Sunday morning duties allow. While we continue to seek a permanent Choir Director, it is good to be in the habit of leading in the singing of praise to God, especially if we 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 19

The Family of Laura Smith, Jean Hollis– Orthopedist visit, Sheryl Huey– Heart ablation May 7, Benny Brazell– Stress test May 5, Hannah Powell– Stomach issues still unresolved, Katey Powell– Travel, Dell Ghent– Improved health, Gene Hunter– Grief of brother’s passing

April 12

The family of Tanya McCree, The family of Fred Adams, The family of Drake Starnes (local family), 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, Sam Huey– Good cardiology report

March 29

Betty Arant– Widowhood, Lorri Crawford– Clear scans

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 12, 2026	
Attendance AM	64/6
Attendance PM	25/2
General Fund	\$6,571
Total GF contributions this month	\$10,666
Missions Fund	\$45
Memorial Fund	\$300
Easter Offering	\$50

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 19

10:00

Nursery

Debby Hegler

Toddlers

Debby Hegler/ Lorri Crawford

11:00

Nursery

Debby Hegler

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Katey's Mission Lesson

April 26

Nursery

Debbie Dickson

Toddlers

Gene Hunter/ Taylor Prete

Nursery

Corinne Brackett

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Lynn Moore/ Miranda Bohler

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

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