

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Ellen Mast

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

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

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 69:34

³⁴Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #177

“My Heart Was Glad” (Psalm 69)

*1 Thy lovingkindness, Lord, is good and free,
In tender mercy turn Thou unto me;
Hide not Thy face from me in my distress,
In mercy hear my pray’r, Thy servant bless.*

*2 With joy the meek shall see my soul restored,
Your heart shall live, ye saints that seek the
Lord;
He helps the needy and regards their cries,
Those in distress the Lord will not despise.
(Refrain)*

Refrain:

*My heart was glad to hear the welcome sound,
To hear the welcome sound,
To hear the welcome sound;
My heart was glad to hear the welcome sound,
The call to seek Jehovah’s house of pray’r.*

*3 Let heav’n above, His grace and glory tell,
Let earth and sea and all that in them dwell;
Salvation to His people God will give,
And they that love His name with Him shall
live.
(Refrain)*

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 5:6-9

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

***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.*

***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

(Children dismissed to Sunday School)

Pastoral Prayer

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #29

“You Sons Of the Gods”

1 You sons of the gods, give the LORD as His right,

Ascribe to the LORD both great glory and might.

*And unto the LORD’s name its glory accord;
In splendor of holiness worship the LORD.*

*2 The LORD’s voice is over the waters abroad;
And thunder proceeds from the glorious God.*

Above the great waters the LORD from His height!

The LORD’s voice of splendor! The LORD’s voice of might!

3 The voice of the LORD splits the cedars in two;

The LORD shatters trees that in Lebanon grew.

*Then Lebanon’s hills and Mount Sirion reeled
When He made them skip like young calves in the field.*

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 887

John 2:1-11

Sermon

“Bringing In the New”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.*

*3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.*

*4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.*

***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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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
28 MISSIONS 12:30 AE Circle	29	30	1 6:00 Final Wednesday Family Night
5 6:00 Last Evening Worship	6	7	8 6:30 Craft Club
12 5:00 Diaconate	13	14	15
19 11:15 Church Picnic 12:30 AE Circle	20	21 7:00 Session	22
26	27 	28 Banner of Truth Conference	29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 National Day of Prayer 3:00 JL Circle	3	4 9:00 WM Exercise
9	10	11
16	17	18 7:30 Youth Yard Sale 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
23	24 7:00 Youth Lock-in	25
30 	31 Delamar– Haan rehearsal	1 Delamar– Haan wedding

ANNIVERSARIES

19– Daniel & Miranda Bohler
 22– Richard & Lorri Crawford

BIRTHDAYS

3– Emily Prete
 18– Jennifer Jaillette
 22– Isabel Screpetis
 26– Corinne Brackett
 28– Richard Crawford

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Officer meeting
 10:00 Worship
 11:15 Sunday School



Announcements

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 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY As part of our activities plan for 2024, Lancaster First ARP Women's Ministries invites anyone who would like to participate to join us for a walk on the Lindsay Pet-tus Greenway Saturday, May 4. We will meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 9AM for warm ups and prayer, then walk as a group to the greenway. We will conclude our time back at the church with a brief devotion. Don't forget to bring a water bottle.

We also invite all ages to join us Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 PM for crafting time. Bring your own projects or work on the provided craft. Items are yours to keep, or can be donated to the Bonclarken Gift Shop.

CHURCH DIRECTORY The 2024 directory is available next to the mailboxes behind the choir loft.

YOUTH NEWS On Saturday, May 18, we will have an indoor Yard Sale/ Bake Sale beginning at 8AM. Donations are accepted in room 12 of the red hallway.

The youth will also have a lock-in on May 24 from 7PM-7AM.

EVENING WORSHIP We will have evening Worship services April 28 and May 5.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Outback Rock VBS for Pre-K to grade 5 will be held July 26-28. We will need volunteers in all areas: décor, meals, registration, station leaders, group leaders, nursery and clean up. Please pray about the friends and family you will invite and where you can help. Volunteer sign up will begin May 12. See Rev. Williams if you have questions.

EASTER OFFERING Today is the last day we will collect contributions for our annual Easter Offering. Contributions to this offering benefit the ARP Foundation, Bonclarken, Outreach North America, and World Witness.

SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH We continue to collect items each month for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our April emphasis is Easter clearance items such as stuffed animals and basket stuffers. Donations can be placed in the collection box behind the choir loft.

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS After much prayer, we have been blessed with many children in our Sunday School ministry and are in need of volunteers during Sunday morning Worship and Sunday School. Please see the sign up sheet on the Church Events bulletin board or contact Debby Hegler.

We also need a classroom assistant on Wednesday evenings. Contact Stacy Pokopac to sign up.

HOPE DONATIONS HOPE requests the following items for its food pantry: jelly, spaghetti sauce, grits, oatmeal, canned fruit, and canned beef stew. Please do not give family size containers or glass jars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28– Alison Erskine Circle

April 28– Evening Worship

May 1– Last Wednesday Family Night

May 2– National Day of Prayer

May 4– Women’s Ministries walk

May 5– Last evening Worship service

May 8– Craft Club

May 12– Diaconate

May 18– Yard sale/ Bake sale

COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN

Administration- Butch Ghent Fellowship– Sam Prete Outreach– Richard Crawford

Discipleship- Mike Cauthen Missions- Sam Huey Worship– Ed Ogburn

Building– Doug Patterson Grounds– Daniel Bohler Safety– Walt Watford

Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Prayer Guide

April 28

Katey Powell– Health screening, Betsy Hunnicutt (Eve Huffman’s mom)- Fall in the home, Benny Brazell– Cardiologist, Keith Jaillette– Cancer treatment, Glenn Rhyne– Continued improvement, Family and friends of Crawford Montgomery

April 21

Benny Brazell– Recovery from hip replacement

April 14

Annie Montgomery (Susan and Lynn’s mom)- Cancer, Kathy Prete– Successful procedure, Those with Covid and seasonal illnesses

April 7

Bruce Bohler (Daniel’s dad)- Neck surgery, Jane Huffman– Nursing home rehab, Nancy Ogburn – Successful kidney stone surgery

March 31

Erskine College Choraleers– Trip to Lithuania

Chronic Illnesses

Tanya McCree

Nursing Home/ Shut Ins

Virginia Fleming, Sally Lloyd, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Clara Nell Robinson, Richard Robinson, Clovis Steele

Missionaries

Phil Baer, Rebekah Carson, Mark & Natalie Witte

Church Planters

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

Financials

April 21, 2024	
Attendance AM	73/6
Attendance PM	143/4
General Fund	\$5,697
Total GF contributions this month	\$13,362
Missions Fund	\$90
Care Fund	\$75

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.

If you prefer to download the VancoMobile app, search for "First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church" and use the invite code TPVK5P.

Volunteers

Childcare

April 28

10:00 Nursery

Volunteer Needed

11:00 Nursery

Volunteer Needed

May 5

10:00 Nursery

Miranda Bohler

11:00 Nursery

Volunteer Needed

Toddlers

Dell Ghent/ Greta Cureton

Sunday School

Susan Cauthen/ Grace Kelso

Toddlers

Niki Patterson/ Madelyn Rhyne

Sunday School

Corinne Brackett/ Stacy Pokopac

Officers

April

Ed Ogburn

Mike Cauthen

Richard Shields

Susan Cauthen

May

Sam Huey

Butch Ghent

Keith Jaillette

Daniel Bohler

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

Pianist- Mrs. Carol Hinson

Elders

2024 Mike Cauthen

Ed Ogburn

2025 Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey- C

2026 Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

Deacons

Daniel Bohler- VC

Keith Jaillette

Susan Cauthen- S

Richard Shields- C

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

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