

First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

Introduction of New Members

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2

¹Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! ²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

***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**

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***Confession of Faith**

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

***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**

Blue ARP Psalter #103B

“Bless the LORD, My Soul”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:17

Sermon

“The Armor Of God– Part 6: The Helmet Of Salvation”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Insert

“Before the Throne Of God Above”

***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 6:17 “The Armor Of God– Part 6: The Helmet Of Salvation”

1. Mental Attack

2. Total Salvation

3. Eternal Hope

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
26 MISSIONS No evening activities until August	27	28 2:00 LCHC Rehearsal 7:00 Session	29 6:00 WFN	30 8:00 WFN
3 12:15 Spring picnic	4	5	6 6:00 WFN	7 3:00 C
10	11 LCHC VBS →	12 6:30 GIG Discipleship	13 6:00 Last WFN	14
17 GRADUATION SUNDAY 12:15 Graduate reception 2:00 Mallory Screpetis baby shower	18	19 7:00 Session	20	21
24 MISSIONS 12:15 Diaconate	25 	26 	27 	28
31 CARE	1	2	3	4

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0 3:30 LCHC showcase	1	2 3:00 LCHC Grad- uation/ party
7 10:00 Jean Love circle	8	9
14	15	16 8:00 Men's Pray- er Breakfast
21	22	23 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered Ministry event
28 	29 	30
	5	6



ANNIVERSARIES

- 19– Daniel & Miranda Bohler
- 22– Richard & Lorri Crawford
- 23– Matt & Lindsey Rivers

BIRTHDAYS

- 3– Emily Prete
- 18– Jennifer Jaillette
- 21– Izzy Screpetis
- 26– Corinne Brackett
- 28– Richard Crawford

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.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome new members Don and Adrienne Bowen. We are thankful that they have come to join our fellowship. Welcome them and introduce yourself if you have not already done so.

SPRING PICNIC Join us for our Spring picnic TODAY after Sunday School. Enjoy the collection of our favorite dishes and desserts as we fellowship.

MAY 17 this will be a busy day for our church:

1. We will recognize our graduates during morning Worship. Graduates, please send me your names and a brief statement on your post high school plans by Wednesday, May 13.
2. A reception for graduates will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15.
3. A baby shower for Mallory Screpetis will be held at the picnic shelter from 2-4PM. Join us as we celebrate the newest “Little Sprout”. The expectant mother asks only for diapers and wipes.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Beginning June 7, all adult classes will meet for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall for a four week study on evangelism and outreach. The goal of this series is to teach us how to engage others and share our faith. If you have any questions, please ask Jonathan.

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES Evening services and prayer time will resume August 16. Youth group will meet on a TBD basis.

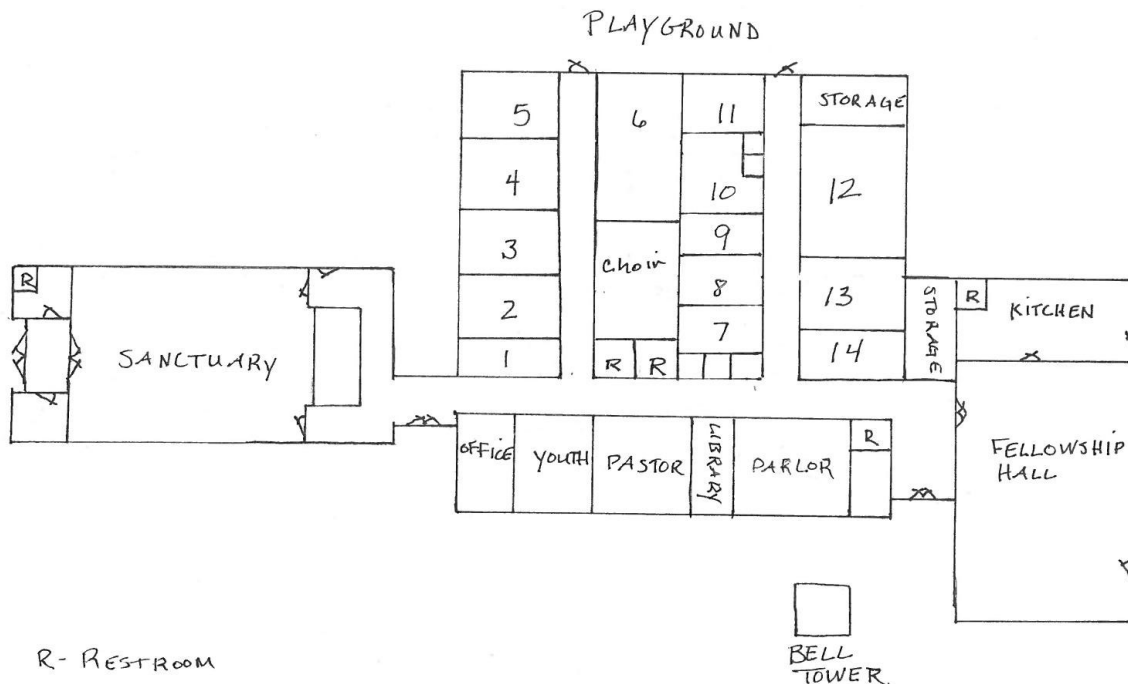
MEETING Diaconate will next meet on May 24 at 12:15 PM.

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

May 3

Jean Hollis– Recovery, Ed Ogburn– Spinal injection, Esther Shields– Health and treatments, JB Powell– Appetite and oral muscle improvement, Dell Ghent– Broken toes, David Pokopac– Upcoming gall bladder surgery

April 26

The family of Dave Mohr, The family of Ira Caskey III, Betty Arant, JB Powell– Progress after cancer, Rhyne family– House hunt, The country’s political climate

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

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

April 26, 2026	
Attendance	57/4
General Fund	\$3,464
Total GF contributions this month	\$18,797
Missions Fund	\$70
Memorial Fund	\$150

General Fund	March	YTD
Contributions	\$25,213	\$67,471
Expenditures	\$20,391	\$56,957
Difference	\$4,822	\$10,514
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$33	\$133
Expenditures	\$0	\$2,000
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$830	\$1,769
Expenditures	\$1,049	\$3,152
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$75	\$486
Expenditures	\$0	\$0

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 **May 3**

10:00

Nursery

Anna Rhyne

Toddlers

Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso

11:00

Nursery

Joan Watford

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

May 10

Nursery

Susan Cauthen

Toddlers

Debbie Hardin/ Debbie Dickson

Nursery

Susan Prete

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Katey's Mission Lesson

Officers **May**

Elder

Stewart Screpetis

Elder

David Pokopac

Captain

Doug Patterson

Co- Captain

Debbie Dickson

Usher

David Pokopac

Usher

Stewart Screpetis

Usher

June

Ed Ogburn

Mike Cauthen

Walt Watford

Mark Caskey

Mike Cauthen

John Mark Caskey

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2026

2027

2028

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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