

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, S.C.

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February 8, 2026

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# Worship

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### **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, 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.*

## **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**

Pew Bible page 978

Ephesians 5:15-21

**Sermon**

“Walking Wisely”

**Prayer of Application**

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #648

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

**\*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> 6:00 WFN
<b>1 COMMUNION</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>8</b> 12:15 New Members Lunch	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 GIG Discipleship	<b>11</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>15</b> 12:15 Diaconate	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Session	<b>18</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>22 MISSIONS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:30 LCHC	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 LCHC	<b>13</b> 2:00 LCHC Valentines Party	<b>14</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 LCHC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>26</b> 8:30 LCHC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 AE Circle 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. You are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

**NEW MEMBERS LUNCH** Today we will recognize our new members of 2025: Elle & Wes Campbell; Beverly & Steve Culp; Caleb & Liz Dillard; Judi Holland; Aaron, Lorin & Serenity Melton; Alaina Patterson; Knox Rhyne; & Stephen Yeboah. Join us for a pot luck luncheon at 12:15PM.

**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.

Registration for our Women's Ministries retreat on March 7 is OPEN! Visit the REGISTRATION page of our website to register by February 21. Space is limited to 50, so sign up early.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT** We are reviving a favorite activity from the past.: Dinners For Eight. We would like to start this in February and run through May, take a break in June and July, and then kick off another round in August through November.

4 couples grouped in teams of 8 will meet each month for a meal. Each month a different couple hosts and provides the main course. Other couples on the team coordinate appetizers, sides, or desserts. Couples can use their home, a restaurant, or the Fellowship Hall (with approval) to host the meal. 2 singles (for widows or singles) can sign up as a couple or on their own. The fellowship committee will assign groups after registration is completed. Sign up on the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board or on the church website by Sunday, February 15 if you are interested in participating in this first cycle.

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

**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.

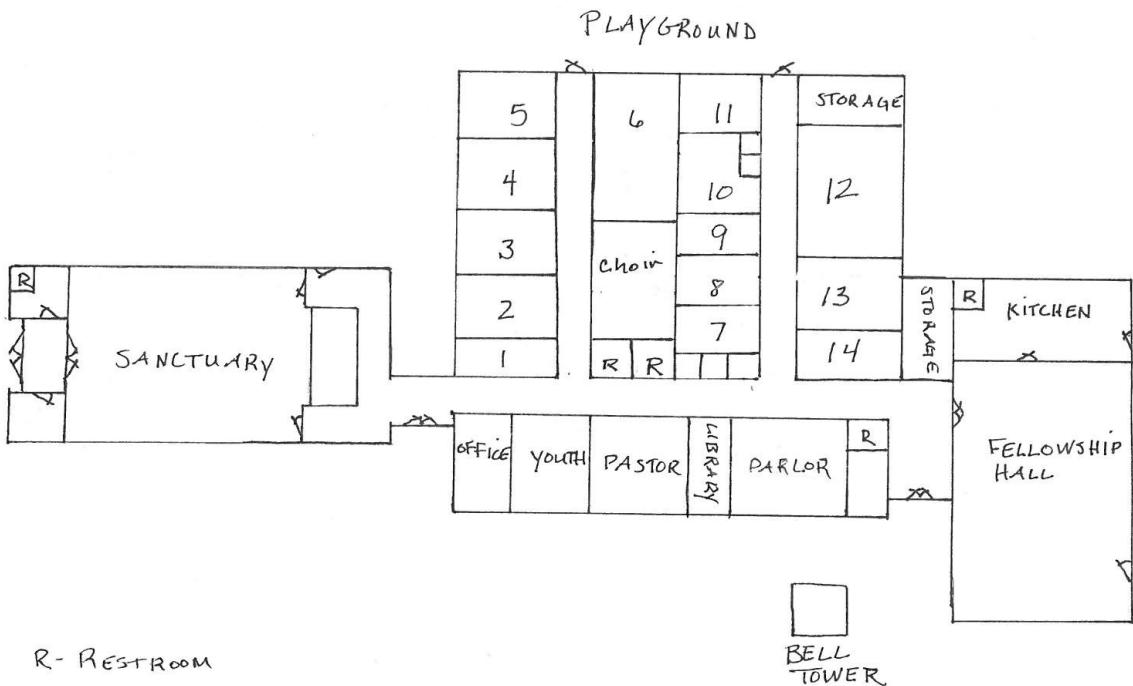
**LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT** First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a Life Line Screening event on Monday, March 16, 2026. See the flyer on the "What's Happening" bulletin board for more information and instructions on how to register.

# 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

## **February 8**

Clovis Steele– Moved to White Oak, JB Powell– Continued strength, Esther Shields– Continued chemotherapy, Debby Hegler– Radiation, Dell Ghent– Pain and pending MRI, Betty Allen– Recovery from flu, Sam Huey– Leg pain, Katelyn Prete– Wedding, WM retreat– Successful ministry event

## **February 1**

Phil Baer– Successful heart catheterization and stent, Scruggs family– Travel/ grief, Benny Brazell– Results of tests

## **January 25**

Family of Pat Scruggs, Dangerous weekend weather

## **January 18**

Doug Patterson– Steady recovery/ therapy, Sheryl Huey– A-fib monitoring, Liz Dillard– Upcoming birth of Deborah Joy

## **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 Screpetis
Missions- TBD	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Doug Patterson
Grounds– TBD	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

# Financials

<b>February 8, 2026</b>	
Attendance AM	N/A
Attendance PM	N/A
General Fund	\$755
Total GF contributions this month	\$755

**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>February 8</b>	<b>February 15</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Nursery</b> Lorri Crawford	<b>Nursery</b> Debbie Hardin
	<b>Toddlers</b> Katey Powell/ Greta Cureton	<b>Toddlers</b> Caroline Williams/ Sarah Claire Rhyne
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Nursery</b> Debby Hegler	<b>Nursery</b> Joan Watford
	<b>Toddlers</b> Susan Cauthen	<b>Toddlers</b> Susan Cauthen
	<b>Elementary</b> Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford	<b>Elementary</b> Anna Rhyne/ Debbie Dickson

<b>Officers</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
Elder	David Pokopac	Mike Cauthen
Elder	Stewart Screpetis	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Debbie Dickson	Mark Caskey
Usher	David Pokopac	John Mark Caskey
Usher	Stewart Screpetis	Mike Cauthen
Usher	Frank Brackett	Ed Ogburn

## 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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