

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Mrs. Carol Hinson

**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 68:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! <sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**\*Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #96A

*“O Sing a New Song”*

*1 O sing a new song to the LORD;*

*3 O families of earth, ascribe*

*All earth sing to the LORD.*

*All glory to the LORD.*

*Sing to the LORD, and bless His name;*

*All strength ascribe unto the LORD;*

*“He saves!” each day proclaim.*

*Give glory due His name.*

*His glory to all nations show;*

*Come to the LORD, into His courts,*

*His deeds let peoples know.*

*And bring an offering.*

*2 The LORD is great, great praise He’s due.*

*He’s feared above all gods.*

*For peoples’ gods mere idols are;*

*The LORD the heavens made.*

*Before Him honor, majesty,*

*And strength and splendor dwell.*

## 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**

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

**\*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**

### **\*Hymn**

Blue ARP Psalter #118A

*“Because He’s Good”*

*1 Because He’s good, O thanks the LORD;  
His love endures forever!  
Let Isr’el say with one accord,  
“His love endures forever!”*

*3 When to the LORD, distressed, I cried,  
The LORD replied and freed me.  
Because the LORD is on my side,  
From fear I have been set free.*

*2 Let Aaron’s house this tribute pay:  
“His love endures forever!”  
Let those who fear the LORD now say;  
“His love endures forever!”*

### **\*Prayer for Illumination**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 886

John 1:35-51

### **Sermon**

“Follow the Leader”

### **Prayer of Application**

## **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

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

Red Trinity Hymnal #503

*“Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night”*

*1 Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness, into thy health,  
out of my want and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself,  
Jesus, I come to thee.*

*3 Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love,  
out of despair into raptures above,  
upward for aye on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to thee.*

*2 Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the glorious gain of thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of earth’s sorrows into thy balm,  
out of life’s storms and into thy calm,  
out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to thee.*

*4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy throne,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold,  
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to 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’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 / © 2005 Thank You Music*

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>31 COMMUNION</b>  <b>EASTER OFFER- ING</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b>
<b>7 CARE FUND</b>  <b>6:00 Evening Worship begins</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b>  <b>7:30 Choir Prac- tice</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Bonclarcken Work Week</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:00 Diaconate 7:00 Joint Officer meeting</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b>
<b>21</b>  <b>6:00 Pastor In- stallation</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>6:00 Wednesday Family Night</b>  <b>7:30 Choir prac- tice</b>
<b>28 MISSIONS</b>  <b>12:30 AE Circle</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>6:00 Final Wednesday Fami- ly Night</b>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30 LCHC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:15 FAN event 2:30 Ladies Tea
<b>18</b> 8:30 LCHC  →	<b>19</b>	<b>20 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30 LCHC Show-case	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 Youth Car Wash/ Snack sale
<b>2</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Kurt & Amanda Banholzer
- 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
- 12- Philip Pegram
- 15- Greta Cureton
- 15- Sarah Henley
- 17- Kayson Avant
- 23- Athen Andersen
- 23- Noah Williams
- 25- Karen Welch
- 27- Crystal Hardman
- 29- Betty Arant

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:15** Officer meeting
- 10:00** Worship
- 11:15** Sunday School
- 6:00** Evening Worship



# 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.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** The 2024 directory is available at the side entrance of the church. Extra copies will be available at the mailboxes behind the choir loft next week.

**ARP MAGAZINE** It's time to renew/ subscribe to the ARP Magazine. The cost is \$20 for a hard copy, or an online version is free of charge. Contact Corinne Brackett to sign up. Checks must be written to First ARP Church and turned in **TODAY**.

**YOUTH NEWS** Youth of the church are organizing fundraisers to help fund summer activities. We will hold a Car Wash/ Snack Sale on Saturday, April 27 from 11AM-2PM. We are in need of car wash soap, individual bagged chips, canned soft drinks, and bottled water. Please share this event with your friends and neighbors.

On Saturday, May 18, we will have a Yard Sale/ Bake Sale. Donations will be accepted at the church beginning **TODAY**. More details will be available closer to that date.

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

**EVENING WORSHIP** The installation service for Rev. Williams is tonight at 6PM. We will have regular evening Worship services April 28 and May 5.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** We will be having Vacation Bible School this year in July! There will be more details in the coming weeks but please mark your calendars for this!

**EASTER OFFERING** We will collect contributions for our annual Easter Offering through the month of April. 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 21– Installation service for Rev. Williams

April 24– Wednesday Family Night

April 25– LCHC end of year program

April 27– Youth car wash

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

### **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 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

## **March 24**

Glenn Rhyne– Bells Palsy, Keith Jaillette– Chemotherapy, Rev. Williams and family– Relocation

## **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

<b>April 14, 2024</b>	
Attendance AM	60/9
Attendance PM	?/0
General Fund	\$4,035
Total GF contributions this month	\$7,665
Missions Fund	\$20

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions	\$18,456	\$73,437
Expenditures	\$11,044	\$33,219
Difference	<b>\$7,412</b>	<b>\$40,218</b>
<b>Congregational Care Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$50	\$105
Expenditures	\$600	\$1,146
<b>Missions Support</b>		
Contributions	\$540	\$1,327
Expenditures	\$1022	\$5,066
<b>Memorial Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$0	\$50
Expenditures	\$0	\$0

**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 21

**10:00 Nursery**

Debby Hegler

**11:00 Nursery**

Volunteer Needed

**Toddlers**

Debbie Hardin/ Summer Bohler

**Sunday School**

Debby Hegler/Nancy Ogburn

April 28

**10:00 Nursery**

Volunteer Needed

**11:00 Nursery**

Volunteer Needed

**Toddlers**

Dell Ghent/ Greta Cureton

**Sunday School**

Susan Cauthen/ Grace Kelso

## 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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