

First Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
March 22, 2026

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Carol Hinson

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #46

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

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 3:16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

***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**

Blue ARP Psalter #67

“O God, Give Us Your Blessing”

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 979

Ephesians 6:10-13

Sermon

“The Armor Of God– Part 1: The Reality Of Spiritual Warfare”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***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 6:10-13 “The Armor Of God– Part 1: The Reality Of Spiritual Warfare”

1. Rely On Christ

2. Know the Fight

3. Stand Firm

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3	4 6:00 WFN
8 Sr. Hi Retreat 12:15 Diaconate	9	10 10:00 Presbytery- Columbia 6:30 GIG Disci- pleship	11 6:00 WFN
15	16 8:30 Life Line Screening	17 7:00 Session	18 6:00 WFN
22 MISSIONS M.S. Retreat	23	24	25
29 CARE	30	31	1

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	6 Sr. Hi Retreat	7 Sr. Hi Retreat 9:00 WM Retreat
12 8:30 LCHC	13	14
19 8:30 LCHC	20 M.S. Retreat	21 M.S. Retreat 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 LCHC Mom's brunch
26 8:30 LCHC	27	28 9:00 AE Circle 10:00 Sheltered
2 8:30 LCHC 3:00 JL Circle	3	4

ANNIVERSARIES

6– Don & Betsy Rushing

BIRTHDAYS

1– Sam Huey

4– Scott Brazell

6– Phil Baer

7– Caroline Williams

8– Frank Brackett

8- Beverly Culp

19– Lorri Crawford

21– Dell Ghent

26- Johnny Jones

27– Amanda Banholzer

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.

SEED & SEEDLING SHARE Join us at the picnic shelter on Friday, April 10th at 5:30PM for a casual gathering to swap seeds, share gardening tips, and paint a planter! Bring only yourself, or extra seeds or seedlings you'd like to share. All ages and experience levels welcome. Sign up on the bulletin board if you're interested. Contact Mallory Screpetis with questions.

EASTER EGG HUNT We will hold an Easter Egg hunt for children in 5th grade or younger on Saturday, April 4 at 10AM. Volunteers are requested to help hide eggs that morning, and donations of candy and prizes to fill the eggs will be collected in the Intern's Office until April 1. Contact Sam Prete with questions.

WORK WEEK The annual work week at Bonclarken will be April 20-23. Volunteer forms are available on the "Sign Me Up" bulletin board. Contact Corinne Brackett for the volunteer form or any questions.

MEETING Fellowship Committee will meet in the library TODAY at 12:15.

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES The Lord's Day does not end after the morning service. 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.

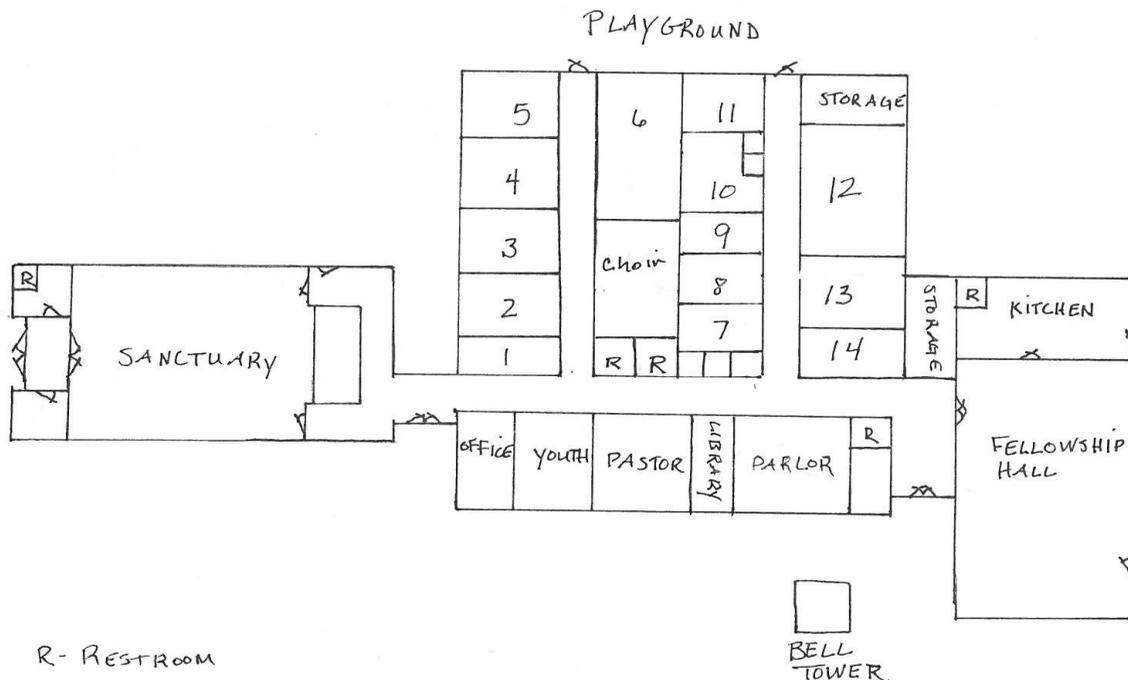
CHOIR INVITATION All current, past, and potential choir members are invited to meet in the choir room on Sundays at 9:40 as your Sunday morning duties allow. While we continue to seek a permanent Choir Director, it is good to be in the habit of leading in the singing of praise to God, especially if we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

March 22

Clovis Steele– Returned to White Oak Debby Hegler- Treatments complete, Esther Shields- Continuing treatment, Doug Patterson– New wheelchair & continued improvement, Dell Ghent– Health, Avis Titus (Miranda Bohler’s mom)– Recovery from neck surgery, Ed Ogburn– Waiting for MRI results, Sarah (Rebekah Carson’s mom)– Good recovery, JB Powell– Upcoming PET scan, Benny Brazell– Cardiology appointment

March 15

Mallory Screpetis– Pregnancy, Jean Hollis– Back pain

March 8

Benny Brazell– Health, Crystal Hardman– Health, Paul Robinson (Greta’s brother)- Fluid on sciatic nerve, Betty Allen– Eating and movement improved, Chris Pappas (Cauthen’s Son-In-Law)- Working in Germany

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– Mark Caskey
Grounds– Doug Patterson	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

Financials

March 15, 2026	
Attendance AM	64/8
Attendance PM	34/2
General Fund	\$5,805
Total GF contributions this month	\$15,920
Missions Fund	\$20

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 **March 22**

10:00

Nursery

Susan Prete

Toddlers

Mallory Screpetis/ Miranda Bohler

11:00

Nursery

Debbie Dickson

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso

March 29

Nursery

Caroline Williams

Toddlers

Stacy Pokopac/ Joan Watford

Nursery

Corinne Brackett

Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

Elementary

Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford

Officers **March**

Elder

Mike Cauthen

Elder

Ed Ogburn

Captain

Mark Caskey

Co- Captain

Walt Watford

Usher

John Mark Caskey

Usher

Mike Cauthen

Usher

April

Sam Prete

Richard Crawford

Glenn Rhyne

Jim Davis

Sam Prete

Richard Crawford

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