

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Lancaster, S.C.

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January 11, 2026

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# Worship

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

## **ENTERING WORSHIP**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 146:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

### **\*Song of Praise**

Red trinity Hymnal #1

*“All People That On Earth Do 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**

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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.*

## **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 #2

*“O Worship the King”*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

**\*Scripture Reading**

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Ephesians 5:1-2

**Sermon**

*“Keep Copying Me”*

**Prayer of Application**

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #688

*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

**\*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

Keep Copying Me— Ephesians 5:1-2

1. Imitate as children

2. Love as Christ loved

3. Smell sweet

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>28 MISSIONS</b> No PM Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 
<b>4</b> <b>12:15 AE Circle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 WFN begins</b>
<b>11</b> <b>12:15 Diaconate</b> <b>5:00 Evening Worship begins</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 GIG Discipleship</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 WFN</b>
<b>18</b> <b>2:00 Liz Dillard Baby Shower</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 Session</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 WFN</b>
<b>25 MISSIONS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 WFN</b>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10 <b>9:00 CPR class</b> <b>11:00 Joint WM Lunch</b>
15 3:00 JL Circle	16	17 <b>8:30 Officer Training</b>
22	23	24 <b>9:00 AE Circle</b>
29 8:30 LCHC	30	31



## BIRTHDAYS

7– Elise Tindal  
8– Glenn Rhyne  
13– Elle Campbell  
15– Nancy Ogburn  
17– Alex Bohler  
18– Judi Holland  
24– Debby Hegler  
27– Gene Hunter  
30– Carol Hinson  
31– Sam Prete

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15** Officer meeting  
**10:00** Morning Worship  
**11:15** Sunday School  
**5:00** Evening Worship (Jan. 11)  
**6:00** Fellowship (Jan. 11)  
**7:00** Youth (Jan. 11)

# Announcements

**PRAYER REQUESTS** The reverse side of our attendance card is for all prayer requests. Members and visitors are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

**WELCOME BABY!** The Women's Sunday School class will host a baby shower for Liz & Caleb Dillard. Join us in the Fellowship Hall January 18 from 2-4 pm to welcome baby Deborah Joy. The family is registered at:

[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/elizabeth-dillard-february-2026-lancaster/OQ69WNJIYMBV?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_mwn\\_dp\\_3AJPAZ76RCHDY7SWYSAT&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/elizabeth-dillard-february-2026-lancaster/OQ69WNJIYMBV?ref_=cm_sw_r_mwn_dp_3AJPAZ76RCHDY7SWYSAT&language=en-US)

**MAILBOXES** 2026 Offering envelopes are available beside the mailboxes behind the choir loft. Contribution statements for 2025 will be delivered in the mailboxes by the end of January.

**2026 CALENDAR** Diaconate meets today at 12:15pm.

Sunday evening Worship resumes tonight at 5PM, discussion and snacks at 6PM, and Youth at 7PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast in January will be replaced with officer training on January 17 and will begin the regular schedule on February 21. Please sign up for Officer Training by January 7 so we can have an accurate count for breakfast.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** Women's Ministries will have a joint luncheon meeting on January 10 at 11AM. This event is open to all ladies of the church. We will discuss the 2026 Bible study focus as well as upcoming events for 2026.

Growing In God (GIG) will meet at 6:30PM on Tuesday, January 13 at the home of Caroline Williams. See the "What's Happening" bulletin board for more details.

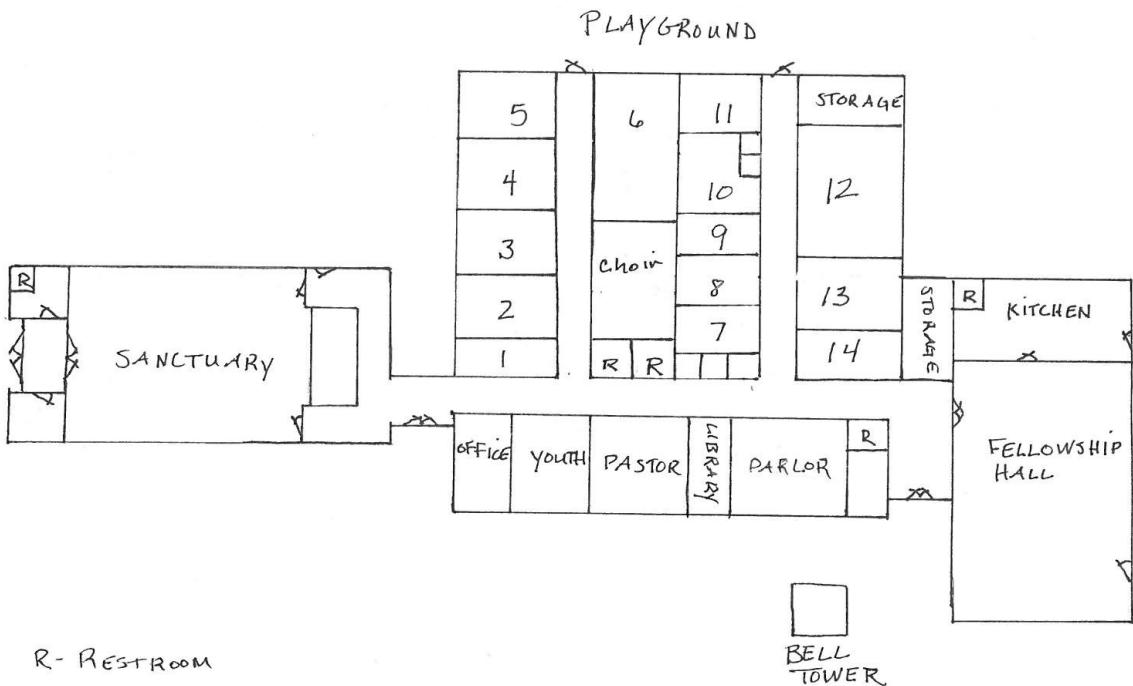
**YOUTH NEWS** The Sr. High retreat will be March 6-8 and the Middle School retreat will be March 20-22. If you are interested in chaperoning either of these events, please contact Jonathan. Registration packets will be given to youth as they are available.

# 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

## **January 11**

David Pokopac- Cleared of surgery restrictions, Rev. Jordan Bernard and family- Passing of mother/ recovery of grandmother from heart surgery, Betsy Rushing- Recovery from surgery, Steve and Beverly Culp- Safe return home, Tim Williams- Surgery to reattach bicep, Those suffering from seasonal illness

## **January 4**

Clovis Steele- Recovery in hospital

## **December 28**

Sheryl Huey- A-Fib, Esther Shields- Chemotherapy

## **December 21**

Doug Patterson- Continued Recovery, JB Powell- Radiation treatments, Will Jones- No biopsy/ antibiotics working

## **Chronic Illnesses**

Tanya McCree

## **Nursing Home/ Shut Ins**

Betty Arant, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Richard Robinson, Pat Scruggs, 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- Sam Huey	Worship- David Pokopac	Building- Doug Patterson
Grounds- TBD	Safety- Walt Watford	Internal Needs- Debbie Dickson

# Financials

<b>January 4, 2026</b>	
Attendance AM	60/7
General Fund	\$4,580
Total GF contributions this month	\$4,580
Missions Fund	\$184

**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>January 11</b>	<b>January 18</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Nursery</b> Susan Prete	<b>Nursery</b> Caroline Williams
	<b>Toddlers</b> Suzanne Lever/ Grace Kelso	<b>Toddlers</b> Debbie Hardin/ Debbie Dickson
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Nursery</b> Miranda Bohler	<b>Nursery</b> Corinne Brackett
	<b>Toddlers</b> Susan Cauthen	<b>Toddlers</b> Susan Cauthen
	<b>Elementary</b> Katey's Mission Lesson	<b>Elementary</b> Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

<b>Officers</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Elder	Richard Crawford	David Pokopac
Elder	Sam Prete	Stewart Screpetis
Captain	Jim Davis	Debbie Dickson
Co-Captain	Glenn Rhyne	David Pokopac
Usher	Sam Prete	Stewart Screpetis
Usher	Frank Brackett	Frank Brackett

## 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	Glenn Rhyne
2028	Mike Cauthen	Mark Caskey
	Ed Ogburn	Walt Watford

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