

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2025

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# Worship

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Kathy Weiss

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

(tithes and offerings may be placed in the plate as you exit Worship)

### **Recognition of New Members**

## **ENTERING WORSHIP**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 104:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

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

Blue ARP Psalter #104A

*“My Soul Bless the LORD!”*

## **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**

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

## **\*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**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **MEANS OF GRACE**

## **\*Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #15

*"Within Your Tent Who Will Reside?"*

## **\*Prayer for Illumination**

**\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 976

Ephesians 1:1-2

**Sermon**

“Who Are You? (part 1)”

**Prayer of Application**

**RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #345

*“Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken”*

**\*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*

# Sermon Notes

“Who Are You? Part 1” - Ephesians 1:1-2

1. Called by God's Will

2. Set Apart by God

3. Received Grace and Peace

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>31</b> CARE	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 Life Line 6:30 GIG Disci- pleship	<b>10</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>14</b> 12:15 Diaconate	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 Session	<b>17</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>21</b>  HS Retreat	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 WFN
<b>28</b> MISSIONS	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 6:00 WFN

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> <b>8:30 LCHC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 HSCO</b> <b>Mom's brunch</b>
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 LCHC</b> <b>3:00 JL Circle</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 WM Walk</b> <b>10:00 Sheltered</b> <b>Ministries</b>
<b>18</b> <b>8:30 LCHC</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>HS Retreat</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 Men's Pray-</b> <b>er Breakfast</b>  <b>HS Retreat</b>
<b>25</b> <b>8:30 LCHC</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AE Circle</b>
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 LCHC</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Congregational</b> <b>Retreat</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Congregational</b> <b>Retreat</b>



## ANNIVERSARIES

15- David & Pat McEachern  
16- Lathan & Holly Rivers  
28- J.B. & Katey Powell

## BIRTHDAYS

8- David Pokopac  
15- Tracy Hardin  
15- David O'Brien  
17- Colin Adams  
18- Jean Hollis  
18- Doug Patterson  
22- J.B. Powell  
24- Butch Ghent  
30- Katey Powell

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15** Officer meeting  
**10:00** Morning Worship  
**11:15** Sunday School  
**5:00** Evening Worship  
**6:00** Fellowship  
**6:30** Youth

# 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 NEW MEMBERS**

**CHOIR MEETING** Our choir has been on hiatus while we search for a new director, but we will have our annual music program and Christmas party on December 21 at 5PM. We will help lead congregational hymns and sing choir pieces with featured solos and ensembles. If you would like to join us for this one evening program, there will be a meeting in the choir room **TODAY** at 12:15PM to discuss the planned music selections and set a rehearsal schedule for the following weeks.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS** Now through Sunday, October 12 we will be accepting nominations for next year's class of elders and deacons. Please prayerfully consider your nominee, make sure your nominee is willing to serve, then place a ballot in the box at the side entrance of the church.

**SUNDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** We are still in need of helpers for our Sunday evening children's program. We would like to have a rotation of those who can assist our teachers on Sunday nights. If you are interested in helping with this, please let Jonathan know.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** Remember to sign up for weekly meals on the bulletin board or the church website. Dinner is served at 6PM and the cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family.

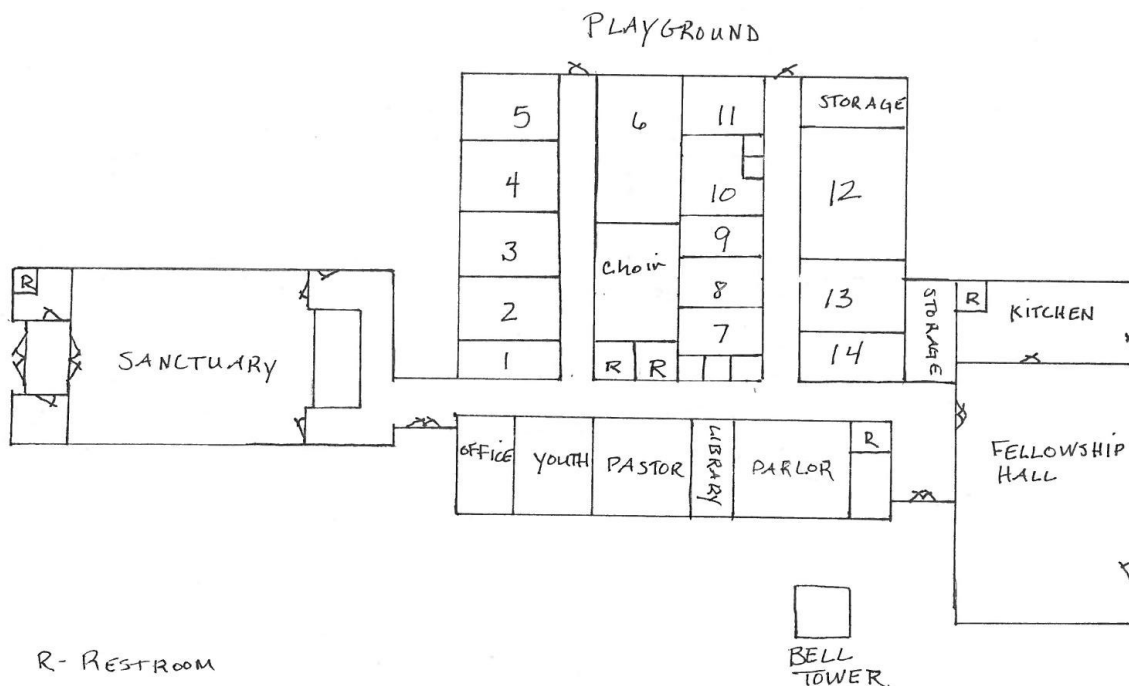
**SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH** Our September focus is small games (cards, marbles, jacks), puzzles, harmonicas, and jump ropes. The collection box is at the side entrance of the church.

# 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.

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

## **September 21**

JB Powell– Throat scan, Louise Carpenter– Recovery from surgery, Joel Haan– Candidacy exam  
October 14, Clovis Steele - Recovering in White Oak, Esther Shields - Lung health

## **September 14**

Doug Patterson– Rehab at Shepherd Center, Tom & Betty Arant– Health, Seasonal illnesses

## **September 7**

Myra Sims - Hip injury, Dell Ghent - Back pain, physical therapy, Wes & Ellie Campbell - birth of  
Callum Dean Campbell, Will & Elizabeth Philips - birth of George Marshall Philips

## **Chronic Illnesses**

Tanya McCree

## **Nursing Home/ Shut Ins**

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- Sam Huey	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Doug Patterson
Grounds– TBD	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

# Financials

<b>September 14, 2025</b>	
Attendance AM	58/11
Attendance PM	29/2
General Fund	\$4,818
Total GF contributions this month	\$8,091
Missions Fund	\$30

**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.

## **ADDRESSES**

Shepherd Center	Sam Ogburn
Attn: Doug Patterson	Paw Post
Room #523	102 N. Wilson St.
2020 Peachtree Rd. NW	Wingate, NC 28174
Atlanta, GA 30309	

# Volunteers

## Childcare September 21

10:00

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Debbie Hardin/ Debbie Dickson

11:00

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Gene Hunter/ Joan Watford

## September 28

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Mallory Screpetis/ Lynn Moore

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Katey's Mission Lesson

## Officers

### September

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Richard Shields

Glenn Rhyne

### October

Sam Huey

Butch Ghent

Jim Davis

Susan Cauthen

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2025

2026

2027

## Elders

Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey- C

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

## Deacons

Susan Cauthen- S

Richard Shields- C

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis-VC

Glenn Rhyne

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