

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025

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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 100:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**\*Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #177

*“My Heart Was Glad” (Psalm 69)*

## **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**

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **\*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 #45B

*"Daughter, Incline Your Ear"*

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

**\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 906

John 20:19-31

**Sermon**

“Personal Communion”

**Prayer of Application**

**RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #164

*“O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing”*

**\*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

John 20:19-31 “Personal Communion”

1. The Peace of Communion

2. The Certainty of Communion

3. The Life of Communion

# 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- 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.

**CALLED MEETING** Today after church there will be a called Session meeting in the library to receive new members.

**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT** The final day to register for our church trip to Bonclarken is this Wednesday, September 3rd. The sheets to register are available on the table by the front door. Please turn in the form and your money by Wednesday.

**HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** Registration for the fall Senior High retreat September 19-21 is now open. The family cost is \$48 per person and we need volunteers to chaperone. Registration packets are available in the youth room. Please turn in forms, money, and t-shirt size by Sunday, September 7.

**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.

**STUDENT ADDRESSES** If you have a child at college or away from home, please email their address to the church so we can send encouragement and support throughout the year.

**SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH** Our August focus is school supplies such as pencils and sharpeners, small notebooks, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, and calculators. The collection box is at the side entrance of the church.

**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.

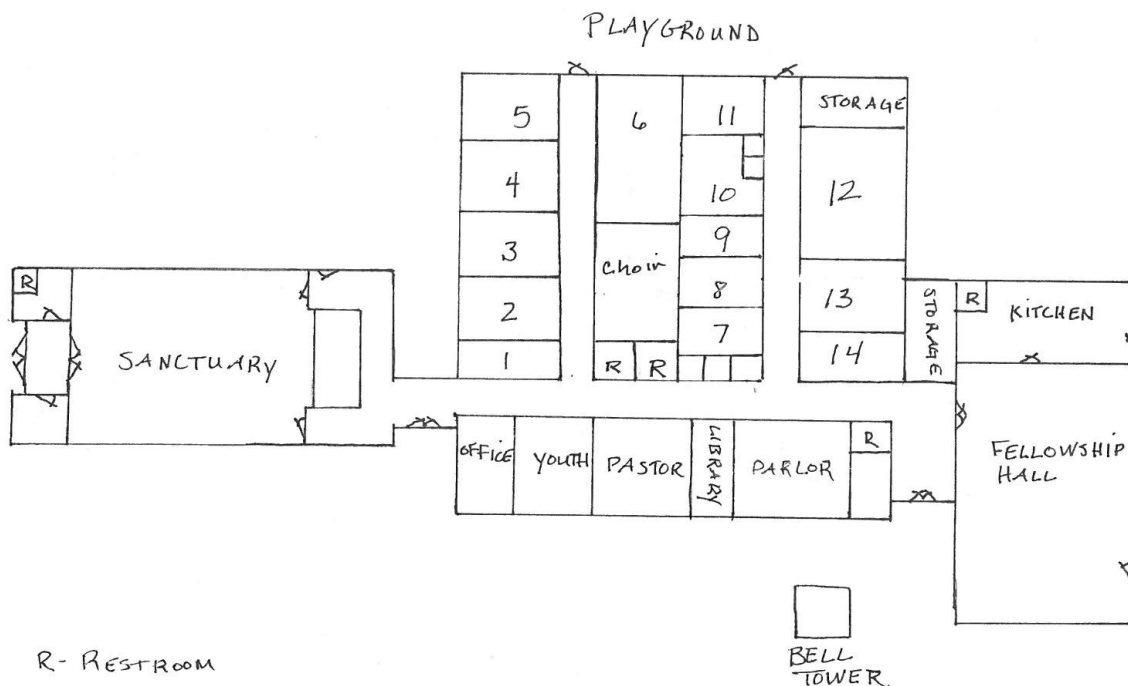


# Visitor Information

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

## **August 31**

Clovis Steele - Recovering in White Oak, Dell Ghent - Back pain, Elle Campbell - Childbirth, Esther Shields - Lung health

## **August 24**

Dell Ghent– Back pain, Tom & Betty Arant– Health, Matthew & Lindsey Rivers– Welcome  
Madilyn Grace born August 14

## **August 17**

Katey Powell– Good health report, A new school year for students, teachers, and parents

## **August 10**

Family of Bob Dix (Former member)

## **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>August 24, 2025</b>	
Attendance AM	67/3
Attendance PM	38/0
General Fund	\$3,372
Total GF contributions this month	\$14,101
Missions Fund	\$466

**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.

# Volunteers

## Childcare August 31

**10:00**      **Nursery**  
Nancy Ogburn

### **Toddlers**

Jean Hollis

**11:00**      **Nursery**

Susan Prete

### **Toddlers**

Susan Cauthen

### **Elementary**

Debby Hegler

## September 7

### **Nursery**

Available

### **Toddlers**

Lorri Crawford/ Taylor Prete

### **Nursery**

Available

### **Toddlers**

Susan Cauthen

### **Elementary**

Debby Hegler/ Nancy Ogburn

## Officers August

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

## September

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

Richard Shields

Glenn Rhyne

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

## Elders

Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey- C

2026 Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

2027 David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

## Deacons

Susan Cauthen- S

Richard Shields- C

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis-VC

Glenn Rhyne

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