

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

April 27, 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)

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:3-5

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

***Song of Praise**

Blue ARP Psalter #135A

“Hallelujah! Praise the LORD’S Name”

*1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD’s name!
Praise Him servants of the LORD,
You that in the LORD’s house serve Him,
In God’s courtyard standing guard.
Praise the LORD! How good the LORD is!
Sing His name- how sweet its tone!
For the LORD has chosen Jacob,
Israel to be His own.*

*3 He killed all of Egypt’s firstborn;
Egypt, He sent signs to you,
Signs to Pharaoh and his servants.
He struck nations, kings He slew;
Mighty Sihon, Og of Bashan-
All of Canaan’s kingdoms fell!
He their land gave to His people,
Willed it all to Israel.*

*2 For I know how great the LORD is;
Our Lord is above all gods.
Yes, the LORD does what He pleases
In the skies, earth, seas, and floods.
He it is who lifts the vapors
From the ends of earth and sea,
Who with lightning brings the rain down,
From His store the wind sets free.*

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**

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

***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 #30

"O LORD, I Will Exalt You"

*1 O LORD, I will exalt You,
For You have lifted me.
My foes You kept from boasting,
Denied them victory.
O Lord, my God, I pleaded
That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed,
And kept me from the grave.*

*3 When prosp'rous, I once boasted,
"Unmoved I shall remain."
But You, LORD, by Your favor
My mountain's strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden,
I then became dismayed.
O LORD, to You I cried out,
And to the LORD I prayed.*

*2 Sing praises, O you godly,
Who to the LORD belong;
And to His name most holy
Show gratitude in song.
His anger lasts a moment,
His grace through life goes on;
Though through the night tears linger,
Great joy comes with the dawn.*

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

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John 16:16-24

Sermon

"Sorrow To Joy"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn of Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

*2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

***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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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27 MISSIONS	28 	29 	30 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
4 12:30 Spring Picnic	5 9:30 LCHC VBS	6 	7 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
11	12	13	14 6:00 Wednesday Family Night
18 12:15 Graduate reception 5:00 Diaconate 6:00 Joint officer meeting 7:00 Session	19	20	21
25 MISSIONS	26 	27	28

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 9:00 CWM Meet & Greet– Clover
8	9	10 9:00 WM Walk
15	16	17 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
22	23	24
29	30 	31



ANNIVERSARIES

19– Daniel & Miranda Bohler

22– Richard & Lorri Crawford

BIRTHDAYS

3– Emily Prete

18– Jennifer Jaillette

22– Izzy Screpetis

26– Corinne Brackett

28– Richard Crawford

30– Chris Peterson

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Officer meeting

10:00 Morning Worship

11:15 Sunday School



Prayer Guide

April 27

The prayer list will be updated next week

April 20

Taylor Prete- Stomach bug, Pokopac family- Travel safety, Caroline Williams- Ear infection, Hazel (Mott Henley's Sister)- Procedure and recovery, Myra Sims– Splint removed May 1

April 13

Richard Shields– Sinus infection, Leoben Screpetis– Playtime injury, Lynda Caskey and family– Mother Helen's passing, Richard and Lorri Crawford– Stomach bug, Mark Jones (Mallory Screpetis' dad)- Surgery

April 6

Gene Hunter - Healing from surgery at home, Walmart Shooting victims, Family of Ken Marze (Nancy Ogburn's brother in law)

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

Sermon Notes

John 16:16-24 “Sorrow To Joy”

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. Please join us this evening for Worship and fellowship at 6PM.

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.

EASTER OFFERING We will collect contributions for our denominational Easter Offering until May 11.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed April 18-29. Remember to reach out Pastor Jonathan or our church officers if you have any needs at this time.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP Tonight will be our final evening service until the Fall.

SPRING PICNIC We will have our annual Spring picnic on Sunday, May 4 after Sunday School. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide fried chicken, ham, and drinks. Casual dress is encouraged.

HORIZON & QUEST If there are any youth currently in grades 6-12 interested in attending Horizon or Quest this summer, please contact the church office by May 11.

SAVE THE DATE This year's VBS will be held July 18-20. Begin to prayerfully consider who to invite to this year's event and how you can help.

SHOEBOX ITEM OF THE MONTH Our April focus is clearance Easter items such as stuffed animals (shoebox sized), basket stuffers, etc. Donations can be placed in the box at the side entrance.

HOPE FOOD PANTRY April 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.

Financials

THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 20

WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

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	April 27	May 4
	Nursery	Nursery
10:00	Susan Cauthen	Nancy Ogburn
	Toddlers	Toddlers
	Susan Cauthen/ Susan Prete	Debbie Hardin/ Summer Bohler
11:00	Nursery	Nursery
	Debby Hegler	Corinne Brackett
	Toddlers	Toddlers
	Susan Cauthen	Susan Cauthen/ Mott Henley
	Elementary	Elementary
	Suzanne Lever/ Alaina Patterson	Debby Hegler/ Alaina Patterson

Officers	April	May
	Sam Huey	Sam Prete
	Richard Crawford	Butch Ghent
	Jim Davis	Doug Patterson
	Susan Cauthen	Debbie Dickson

Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams 2025
 Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac 2026

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
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