



# Discover

*You're invited to discover what the ARP Church is about. In a world awash in relativism, find sanctuary with those who embrace the truth of God's Word.*

## Beliefs

Grounded in God's Holy Word, we are a Presbyterian and Reformed Church rooted firmly in the historic Reformed tradition as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

## Beginnings

The ARP Church developed from two groups that began in Scotland in the early 1700s. The Associate and the Reformed Presbyterians migrated to America because of religious and political upheaval in Britain. In 1782, they merged to form the ARP Church. As such, the ARP Church is America's oldest Presbyterian Reformed Church.

## Government

Each congregation elects elders and deacons to supervise the total ministry and material needs of the congregation. The governing body above the local church is the presbytery. The presbytery oversees a group of congregations within a specific geographical area. The highest governing body is the General Synod, which is composed of all ARP ministers and at least one elder from each congregation.

[www.arpchurch.org](http://www.arpchurch.org)

# Agencies



**World Witness** In response to the Great Commission, World Witness has been entrusted with the administration of the international missions program of the ARP Church.



**Outreach North America (ONA)** is the home missions agency of the ARP Church. ONA assists presbyteries and churches in the US and Canada with evangelism, renewal, and new church development.



**Christian Education Ministries (CEM)** serves the denomination by presenting the gospel and by nurturing Christian discipleship based upon a reformed understanding of Scripture.



**Bonclarken** is located in Flat Rock, NC and is the conference center of the ARP Church. Bonclarken exists to provide and promote a Christian environment for inspiration, renewal, worship, education, fellowship, and recreation.



**Erskine College** is a Christian academic community that equips students to flourish as whole persons for lives of service through undergraduate liberal arts.



**Erskine Theological Seminary** combines rigorous scholarship, biblical fidelity, and rich history to create a distinctive seminary experience for pastoral and lay ministry as well as continuing education.



**Central Services** supports ARP churches, pastors, agencies, and boards through: administrative support, finances, human resources, employee benefits, publications, and promotion.

## Other Ministries



**The ARP Magazine** is a bimonthly publication designed to inform readers about all phases of the work of our churches and agencies of the General Synod.



**Women's Ministries** seeks to equip ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.