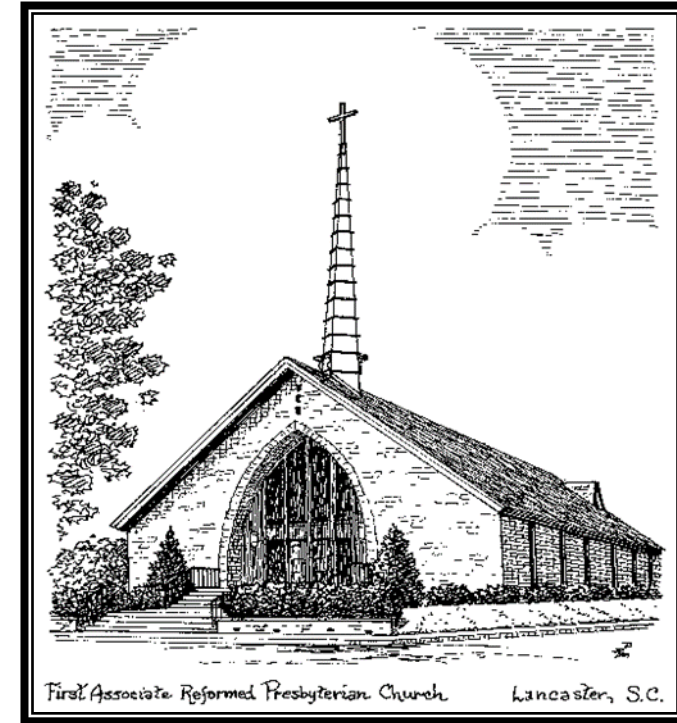


Volunteers

	August 27	September 3
Nursery	Susan Prete	Grace Kelso
Toddlers	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
Greeters (F)	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
(S)	Benny & Geri Brazell	Mike & Pat Scruggs
	August	September
Elders	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
Co Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Ushers	Richard Shields	Johnny Jones
	Ben Rivers	Will Jones

Staff and Officers

Staff	Elders	Deacons
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
	Frank Brackett (2019)	Debby Hegler (2019)
	Buddy Lever (2019)	Dave Mohr (2019)



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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100:4-5

⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! ⁵For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #27

“One True God”

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman & Steven Curtis Chapman

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***Invocation and 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.

**congregation stands*

Financials

August 20, 2017	
Attendance	97
General Fund	\$4,210
Total GF contributions This Month	\$11,650
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$140
Congregational Care Fund	\$10

AUTOMATIC DRAFT Are you ready to take a step of faith? Sign up for a monthly draft of your giving. It is a serious commitment to set up your tithe to come out every month, but we are called to give from our first fruits. This is a tool to help you be faithful and regular in your giving to Christ and His church. For more information see Sam Huey.

2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

October 14, 2017 Catawba Children’s Retreat- Neely’s Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 9:00 a.m.
October 10, 2017 Catawba Presbytery- Neely’s Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2017 Catawba Elders’ Association- Centennial Church, Columbia, SC, 7:00 p.m.
November 3-5, 2017 Catawba Middle School Retreat- Bonclarken

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, August 27

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:30 Youth Group

Wednesday, August 30

5:55 Supper
6:30 Classes
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday, September 1

7:00 Youth Breakfast

Pastor's Corner

August 27, 2017

This Fall we have a unique opportunity at First ARP. On Sunday Evenings we will be offering a Christian Parenting Class in conjunction with Christian Services. Rev. Tim Howard from Christian Services will be leading this curriculum based study to help parents understand how to parent the hearts of their children. This class is open to everyone in the church and those in the community. The class will begin on September 10 and run through the end of November with a break the weekend of our Bonclarken Church Retreat. We will meet at the church from 5:30-6:30 on Sunday nights. If you would like to attend please contact Stacy Pokopac to sign up.

We would also like to offer a nursery if there is a need on Sunday nights this Fall. If you would be interested in helping us in the Sunday night nursery, please contact the church office. This is an excellent outreach opportunity for us as we reach out to parents.

I will be leading a children's Bible Study at the same time as the Parenting class. We will be singing, playing games, and learning the lessons of the Bible. If you would like to help with the kids please contact me.

Please pray for this opportunity. Pray that we will be better parents. Pray that we will reach out to others who need this teaching and who need a church home.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

*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 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.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

Hymn

Red Trinity Hymnal #689

"Be Still, My Soul"

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chancel Choir

"Christians, All Come Sing His Praises"

**universal

***Doxology**

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.

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #97B

“Since You Love the Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Hear My Words”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 980

Philippians 2:5-8

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims

“The Example Of Christ’s Humility To Us”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #246

“Man of Sorrow’s What a Name ”

Thursday, August 31, 2017- Colossians 1:16

Many people have a wrong idea that the Father created the World and Jesus saved the world. However, both creation and salvation are actually the work of our triune God. In the creation of the world, Jesus had an active part. Paul writes that all things were created through Him and for Him. John echoes this idea in John 1:3 “All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made”. This clarifies the idea that Christ has power in this world by virtue of being God, the redeemer and creator of the world. This is your Jesus! This is your help whom you can trust, and who gave Himself to redeem you by His life and work on the cross and in the empty grave. Do you see this Jesus?

Friday, September 1, 2017- Colossians 1:17

In the Star Wars movies, there is an impersonal power called “The Force”. This fictional power upholds the whole universe and many say it is based on eastern religions and philosophies. However, there is a real power that holds the world together and His is Jesus Christ. In the first part of verse 17, we see that Jesus is before all things. He is eternal. He is the creator in verse 16. Paul teaches us that all things hold together in Jesus Christ (17b). There are many who want to say that God created the world and then walked away or at least stepped back. However, this is not what the Bible teaches. This is not what Paul says. The whole world is held together in Jesus. Again, is this the Jesus you believe in? Is this the Jesus that you worship?

Saturday, September 2, 2017- Colossians 1:18

Paul’s focus moves from the whole world to the church. If the whole world holds together in Christ, then it is logical that the church finds its power in Christ. He is the head of the church. Paul ties in Jesus’ resurrection (firstborn from the dead) as further proof of Christ’s power. Paul goes on to state that in everything Jesus should have preeminence. He is eternal God, creator God, and sustainer God. He is the head of the church. He is the one who has saved us and the pathfinder who has blazed a way for us in His resurrection from the dead. Now that you have Jesus, do not turn back to the Old Testament shadows and ceremonies. When you have the spiritual reality of Jesus Christ given to you in the Gospel, do not settle for an outward religion of physical beauty of sights, sounds, and smells.

Devotions

Monday, August 28, 2017- Colossians 1:6-10

It is important to understand that the Gospel bears fruit in your life. This is how a true believer is shown to be different from a false believer. The Gospel real and life changing. Paul says that the whole world bears fruit and that those in Colossae are bearing it as well. It is his prayer for them that they will be filled with Godly knowledge (9) and walk in a worthy manner and bearing fruit in their lives (10). It is the prayer and desire of every Christian pastor to see individuals growing in their knowledge of God, living lives that show the fruit of knowing Jesus and the power of His Gospel. Where is your life bearing Gospel fruit? Where is it bearing rotten fruit?

Tuesday, August 29, 2017- Colossians 1:11-14

There is a reason we should be producing Gospel fruit. We have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of Christ. In Jesus we have strength which leads to endurance and patience and joy. We can then thank God who has done this work in us. The Gospel does not weaken us. It is seen as such in the world's eyes because they cannot understand or see the power of the Gospel. The Gospel gives us all we need in this world. Do you see Gospel fruit in your life? Do you know that you have been transformed from the domain of darkness and sin to the Kingdom of Christ, His redemption, and forgiveness?

Wednesday, August 30, 2017- Colossians 1:15

What a powerful verse! Christ is the image of the invisible God. The Children's catechism teaches us that "God is a spirit and does not have a body like man", yet God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. He took on flesh to be our Savior. He is also the firstborn over all creation. Jesus is eternal God, yet in order or status of creation, He is the highest of all because He is the God Man. The firstborn was the one who inherited the Father's possessions. All of Creation is Christ's by virtue of who He is as God's beloved Son. We praise God because of His love for us that paid the price of our sin. He pursued us even when we were in our sin so that we, by His grace, might be His now. Praise God for His great love for you!

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song supplement #1

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"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:5-8

Title: "The Example Of Christ's Humility To Us"

Prayer Emphasis

Pray for the World

Wars

Economic Needs

Gospel work

Pray for our Nation

Revival

Hope

Pray for those who are filled with hate

See their sins

Find the love of Christ

Pray for our Church

Catechism Class

Youth Classes

Adult Class on Reformation

Leadership of the church

Vision

Giving

Pray for our Outreach

Help us love people enough to tell them about Jesus

Lay on our hearts people who we need to engage with the Gospel

Help us to pray for the lost

Pray for those with needs

Physical

Emotional

Mental

Spiritual

Sister Churches

Ebenezer Presbyterian- Rock Hill, SC- Rev. Matthew Allison

Edgemoor ARP- Edgemoor, SC- Rev. Bob Elliott

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen
 I. W. Caskey
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn
 Sally Lloyd
 Sheryl Huey
 Tom Strickland

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek ARP- Mt. Pleasant
 Ian Wise-Pageland RPCNA
 Matt Awtrey-Kings' Church- Irmo
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill- Columbia

Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain
 Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe
 Rebekah Carson-Germany

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage
 Shay & William Belk

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Anne Nims
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Brother
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
 Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS
 JoAn and Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 and Brother-In-Law
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 John Boykin- Friend of the Scruggs'
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
 Nephew
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
 Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend
 Nancy Ladd - Esther Shields' Sister
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

Young Worshipers

During the worship service your youngest children should draw pictures of what they hear and see in the appropriate boxes, while older children ought to take written notes.

<p><u>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

Announcements



VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

SR.HIGH RETREAT The Senior High Retreat will be Friday, September 22- Sunday, September 24 at Bonclarken. The cost is \$80. All forms are due by **Sunday, September 10**. See Chuck or Sonja Coale for registration packets and information on discounted registration.



ANNUAL RETREAT The Congregational Retreat at Bonclarken will be Friday, September 29- Sunday, October 1. Registration forms are available on the side entry table or on our website at



FirstARPLancaster.org. Faith Apartments are reserved for groups of 6 or larger and will be assigned as forms are received. All registration forms are due by **Sunday, September 10** and can be turned in at the table or to the church office. See Buddy Lever with any questions.

Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP Please join us in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:30AM for coffee and fellowship. Sunday School starts at 10:00AM.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Our Wednesday night program has begun again. Dinner is from 5:55- 6:20PM and classes for all ages are from 6:30- 7:30PM. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Tuesday each week.

SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANCE We are looking for a couple people who can help share the task of running sound during Sunday Worship and other select times during the year. If you are interested in joining this ministry opportunity, contact Ed Ogburn.



CATECHISM FOR KIDS August 30 is our first night of classes for Wednesday Family Night. Children in Kindergarten to 5th grade will study the 107 questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism through memorization, repetition, and play. In order to have enough printed materials available, please contact the church office at 285.1578 or onahill@comporium.net to register your child. This is a great opportunity to give your children a strong foundation in the Christian faith that they will be able to build on for eternity.



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