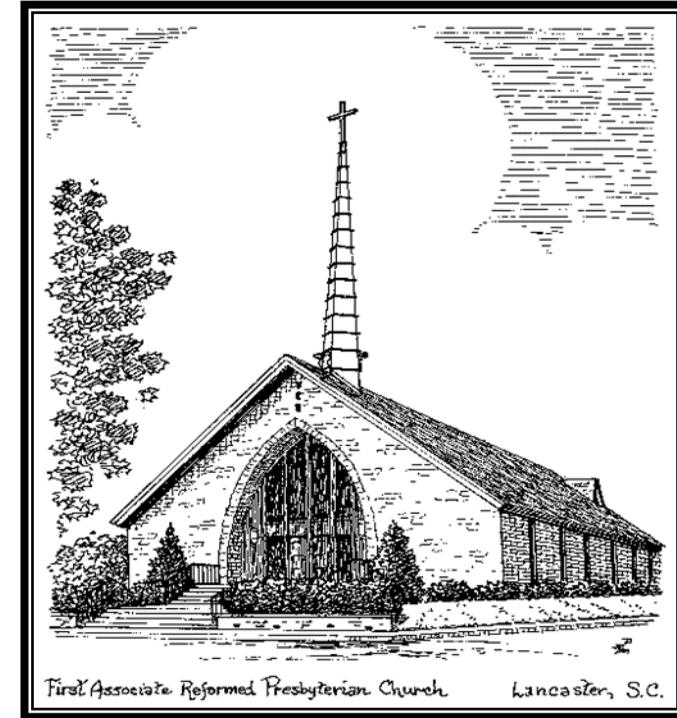


# Volunteers

	<b>September 3</b>	<b>September 10</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Grace Kelso	Miranda Bohler
<b>Toddlers</b>	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Wayne & Debbie Dickson	Richard & Patricia Gardner
<b>(S)</b>	Mike & Pat Scruggs	Richard & Lorri Crawford
	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
<b>Captain</b>	Lathan Rivers	Keith Jaillette
<b>Co Captain</b>	Sam Prete	David Mohr
<b>Ushers</b>	Johnny Jones Will Jones	Benny Brazell Sal Estrada



# Staff and Officers

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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)

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2017

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

### **\*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

<b>August 27, 2017</b>	
Attendance	84
General Fund	\$3,524
Total GF contributions This Month	\$15,174
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$253

**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.

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES** Please contact the church office if you, family, or friends are on the prayer list. We love to announce improvements and answered prayer.

## This Week’s Schedule

### **Sunday, September 3**

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

### **Monday, September 4**

OFFICE CLOSED  
1:30 JRP Circle

### **Friday, September 8**

7:00 Youth Breakfast

### **Wednesday, September 6**

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

# Pastor's Corner

September 3, 2017

The knowledge of the Bible is crucial for growth in the Christian life. Relationships must continue to expand and mature if they are to continue. Our relationship with God and His people is no exception to this truth. You are called to keep growing in your faith so that you can glorify and enjoy God.

Sunday school has been a program that most churches in our nation have used for the last hundred or so years. Sunday school was especially effective in Baptist congregations who used it wonderfully to teach the scriptures and to assimilate people together into the body of Christ.

There has been a real struggle for all churches in Sunday school over the last decade. People are busy and many make a poor decision to cut Sunday school out of their weekly schedules. Many Christians have lost the desire for in-depth study of God's Word. Churches have also not always put forth the best Sunday school programs or changed to use new formats in teaching.

The Session is concerned with our low participation in Sunday School, especially among parents with children. Children need this time to be taught the Bible. Parents also need to be taught as they lead their homes.

With this in mind we want to encourage you to keep attending or start attending Sunday school. We will have two tracks for Adults. The Adult Fellowship Class will continue to do a survey of the Bible based on the Adult Quarterly. The Blanks Study Class will be doing more in-depth studies of the Bible. As these adult classes grow we are going to need teachers and helpers in our children's department. They are vitally important for the health of our covenant children and for our church!

When was the last time you came to Sunday school? Why have you fallen out of the habit? Do you realize the opportunity you are missing? Parents, do you realize what your kids are missing? Be here next Sunday at 10:00AM and see how God blesses you and your family.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims  
Pastor

## \*Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\*\* church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #94

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

Chancel Choir

*"Psalm 150"*

\*\*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 #85B

*"I'll Hear What God the Lord Will Say"*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

**Children's Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 981

Philippians 2:9-11

**Sermon**

Dr. Kyle Sims

*"Victory In Humility"*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #296

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

**Thursday, September 6, 2017 - Colossians 1:22a**

We see Paul draw attention again to the importance of Jesus coming to be one of us. Jesus coming as a man is significant to His work as our savior. Paul restates and emphasizes that the death of Jesus was in the body of flesh. Jesus gave His real body to reconcile you to God and so that you may be presented before the Lord holy and blameless in Jesus. The only way sinful men can be found not guilty in the sight of the Lord is to be covered with the blood of Jesus. In Jesus you are reconciled to the Lord and to the Lord's people. This is a major change in who you are. You are no longer hostile and alienated. Now you are reconciled to the one God because the one God came to save you!

**Friday, September 7, 2017 - Colossians 1:22b**

Have you ever gone out only to find that you had a spot or stain on your clothes? It is embarrassing, and if bad enough, we will go home and change our clothes. We were covered with the stain of our sins. They had separated us from God. They weighed on us and were leading us to death in hell. Jesus, in saving us, makes us holy. He does not just take away your sins. He gives us the goodness of His life so that in this world, and most importantly before the judgement seat of God, you will be found holy, blameless, and above reproach.

**Saturday, September 8, 2017 - Colossians 1:23**

We must continue on in the Gospel. You must continue in the way that you began. It is not a continuing in your works or in your attainment. It is a continuing in Christ by faith. It is a continuing in believing and trusting in Jesus Christ. We are called to be stable and steadfast in our faith. There is no other way to continue except in Christ. He is our hope in the beginning of our salvation, the middle of our salvation, and at the end. Jesus takes us all the way though to God. We show ourselves to be in Jesus when we stay in the faith and seek to please Him in all we do. Is this where you are? Is it your desire to please God in all you do?

# Devotions

## Monday, September 3, 2017 - Colossians 1:19

Our salvation depends on Jesus being fully God. If Jesus is just a man like any other, His death has no power or ability to save. However, if Paul is correct that the fullness of God is in Jesus then He has the power to save you. It is because salvation was beyond the ability of any mere man. It took God becoming man. It was Jesus putting on flesh so that He could take our place. This is what Jesus did in our salvation. Jesus humbled Himself, but did not give up being God when He took on flesh. He is fully man and fully God. This is a critical doctrine for your salvation.

## Tuesday, September 4, 2017 - Colossians 1:20

Salvation is through Christ alone. He came to bring reconciliation and peace. There are many who see the church as just trying to get our market share of folks who buy into our philosophy. In reality, the message of the church is that we have offended a holy and just God with our sin. We stand in danger of His wrath and hell itself. We need to be reconciled to God! The only way this happens is by the blood of Jesus Christ. He came as a man, stood in our place, and took our death that we might have life. Do you see that salvation is in and by Jesus alone?

## Wednesday, September 5, 2017 - Colossians 1:21

Our offense to God is real. Paul addresses this to the Christians in Colossae, telling them that they were once alienated and hostile in mind to God. It is easy for us to start thinking we have done something to aid, help, or cause our salvation. However, there is nothing farther from the truth. We are helpless. We were actively opposing God in our mind and by evil deeds. We need Jesus. He had to take our place and open our minds and draw us back to Himself. There is a real problem if you do not understand what Paul is talking about in verses 19-23. At the heart of this section is our salvation and that it comes directly from, and only from, knowing Jesus Christ and the works He did 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**

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:9- 11

Title: "Victory In Humility"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Sunday School Program**

New Class

Teachers

Parents

Children

## **Texas**

Flooding and wind damage

Opportunity for the churches to love

## **Elderly Members of the Church**

Shut-ins and Nursing Home

Those with health issues and needs

## **Youth**

Upcoming youth retreat

Youth Breakfast

Youth Group

## **Work of the Diaconate**

Upkeep of grounds and building

Church Budget and finances

Care for Widows

Benevolence among congregation and community

## **Work of the Session**

Spiritual well being of the congregation

Ruling Elders over God's people

Wisdom and strength in prayer and teaching

Faith and Courage in Christ to stand strong

## **Ending Violence in Lancaster**

Restrain evil

Save the lost

## **Sister Churches**

Edwards Memorial ARP- Cayce, SC- Rev. Gregory Slater

Effingham Presbyterian- Effingham, SC

# 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  
 Janet & Matt Hall

## 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 **next 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](http://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 **next Sunday, September 10** and can be turned in at the table or to the church office. See Buddy Lever with any questions.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** If any children, youth, or adults are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Kyle.

**SPECIAL OFFERING** Over the next few weeks we are taking up an offering for Hurricane Harvey flood victims. If you would like to contribute to our Synod's Good Samaritan Fund which will benefit this purpose, please mark your checks or offering envelopes with "Hurricane Harvey" before placing them in the collection plate.



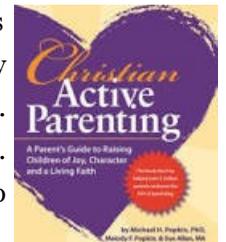
## **2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

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



**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.

**PARENTING CLASS** First ARP Church and Christian Services will host Christian Active Parenting, a 10 week curriculum based study designed to help parents use biblical principles to guide their children. This 1 hour class starts Sunday, September 10 at 5:30PM. The cost is free. Childcare is available on request for all ages. Contact the church office to register yourself and your child.



**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.

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



**BIRTHDAY CORRECTION** If you picked up a calendar from the side entry table, there is a missing birthday: Marilyn Duve- September 8.