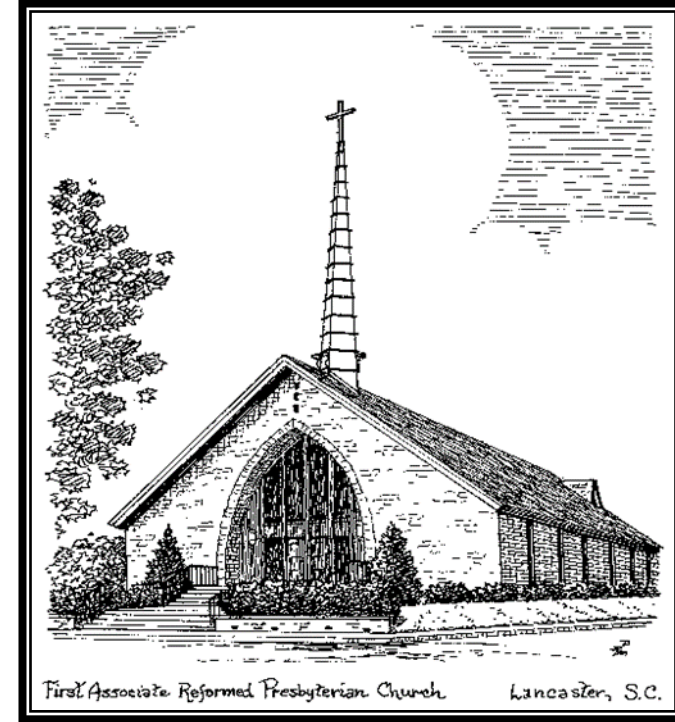


Volunteers

	September 10	September 17
Nursery	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
Toddlers	Susan Cauthen	Shannon Mohr
Greeters (F)	Richard & Patricia Gardner	Butch & Dell Ghent
(S)	Richard & Lorri Crawford	Phillip & Stacey Pegram
	September	October
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
Captain	Lathan Rivers	Keith Jaillette
Co Captain	Sam Prete	David Mohr
Ushers	Johnny Jones Will Jones	Benny Brazell Sal Estrada

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 103:20-22

Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #4

“10,000 Reasons”

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman
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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

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.

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

September 3, 2017	
Attendance	80
General Fund	\$4,022
Total GF contributions This Month	\$4,022
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$140
Hurricane Harvey	\$315

General Fund	August	YTD
Contributions	\$23,732	\$194,178
Expenditures	\$26,056	\$194,984
Difference	(\$2,324)	(\$806)
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$543	\$4,131
Expenditures	\$1,267	\$13,082
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$16	\$2,660
Expenditures	\$340	\$370
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$100	\$575
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Month end balance	\$2,500	

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, September 10

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:30 Parenting Class
5:30 Youth Group
6:30 AE Circle
7:00 Diaconate

Monday, September 11

4:00 JL Circle
6:30 Trail Life

Tuesday, September 12

11:30 Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, September 13

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

Friday, September 15

7:00 Youth Breakfast

Pastor's Corner

September 10, 2017

We are blessed to have our own liberal arts college in Due West, South Carolina. Over the last few weeks, I have been talking to our high school seniors about considering Erskine College. The value of a Christian liberal arts education cannot be underestimated. Erskine is a place that shapes the mind to think especially from the Christian/Biblical worldview. In many places of higher education, you will have to fight against a secular worldview that does not honor Christ or even acknowledge Him.

It is safe to say that I am a homer when it comes to Erskine College. It was a place of great importance to my life. It is where I was exposed to liberal arts and taught to reason and communicate. It is where I met my wife. It is where I made the final transitions from childhood to manhood. It is where I was introduced to the Reformed faith. It opened the whole world to me and shaped me to be the person I am today. This was done not only through classes and lectures, but by being a part of the college community. There are many Erskine Alumni in our church who I think would agree with my assessment of Erskine College and its value.

Many folks are concerned with how small Erskine is. Yes it is small, however, the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages. You are known in Due West. You are cared for in Due West. I know my friends who would visit from South Carolina, Clemson, Presbyterian, and other schools loved what we had at Erskine. I got to experience the big schools throughout my days at Erskine. We would go to parties, football games, and events at USC, UGA, or Clemson. Erskine opened the door for many activities through out the state. I was involved with several organizations that took me to events in Columbia, Charleston, Myrtle Beach and to colleges around the state. Being from a small college like Erskine opened many of these doors. One of the things that is most important to remember is that you are being taught by professors who love to teach. You are not taught by a teaching assistant. You have full access to professors whose doors are open to students.

Erskine develops the whole person. You are exposed to more than just academics, but also athletics, arts, Bible, theology, and opportunities to grow and apply the critical classical thinking in which you are being trained. Erskine College is a great opportunity, especially for ARP students. You can do anything you want to coming out of Erskine College. Make sure you give it a fair look. ARP Senior Day is this coming Saturday from 10:00- 2:15 PM. Details are available on the bulletin board across from the church office, or contact me with questions.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

*Confession of Faith

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 #457
“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chancel Choir
“Canon Of Praise”

The Apostles Creed

**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**

“O, Sons and Daughters, Come”

Blue ARP Psalter #34C

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

Pew Bible Page 981

Sermon

“Your Life Shows God’s Work In You”

Dr. Kyle Sims

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

Red Trinity Hymnal #122

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

Thursday, September 14, 2017 - Colossians 2:8

In our world today, there are many who want to argue with Christians using the philosophies of man, or scientific facts, or by just outright lies against Christ. We must see that Christ is above creation. He is above the thinking of man and the scientific knowledge of man. He is above the outright hatred and falsehood of man in his fallen and evil state. However, we must be careful that we do not fall prey to bad or even dishonest arguments. G. K. Chesterton was quoted as saying, “Do not be so open-minded that your brains fall out.” The point is that we are to keep our focus and hope in Christ, trusting Christ and His Word above the wisdom of this world.

Friday, September 15, 2017 - Colossians 2:9

The doctrine of Christ’s two natures is foundational to the Christian life. One reason we have the Nicene creed, which we say in our Worship services at the end of every month, is because it was written to address a heresy on this matter. ‘The whole fullness of deity’ means that the person of Jesus is fully God. ‘Dwells bodily’, means that the person of Jesus is fully man. The reason this is important is because our salvation is based on Jesus taking our place. To take our place on the cross he had to be man. To take our sins and pay them He had to be sinless God. This is accomplished in the one person of Jesus and His two natures.

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - Colossians 2:10-15

This salvation is given to us ‘in’ Jesus Christ. When we are saved we are connected to Jesus. Paul shows us this in these verses. We are ‘filled in Him’, ‘in Him you were also circumcised’, ‘having been buried with Him in Baptism’, ‘raised with Him’, ‘made alive together with Him’. We are in union with Christ. In John 15, Jesus teaches us that He is the vine and we are the branches. Our hope of salvation is not only in believing and trusting in Jesus. It is in our being connected to Him. Salvation works in us as we are in Jesus Christ. Are you in Jesus? Do you see His power working in you?

Devotions

Monday, September 11, 2017 - Colossians 1:24-29

Have we lost the idea that ministry is hard? The idea of the Church militant, that is, the church fighting against sin, evil, and Satan's kingdom, was rediscovered in the Reformation. Paul's life is given completely for this purpose of proclaiming the Gospel and maturing the church. This was his passion. Are we willing to suffer for the ministry? Are we willing to be inconvenienced for Jesus? Where do you need to let go of your rights, your comforts, and what you want for the sake of the lost and your church?

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - Colossians 2:1-5

One aspect of Paul's ministry is to bring Christians to full assurance of salvation and trust in Christ. Here he speaks specifically of the church at Laodicea, yet it is a need for all Christians. You need to know what you believe. You need to have a full assurance that you are saved. Without knowledge and full assurance of Christ, we are open to attack by what Paul calls plausible arguments. If you are going to grow in your Spiritual life walking with Christ, then you need to be assured of the foundation that it is built upon, your salvation in Christ.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - Colossians 2:6-7

This is a significant passage in the book of Colossians. Paul is drawing a conclusion by saying, "therefore". He is instructing them in how they are to continue in the faith. The Christian life starts with Jesus Christ. You receive Jesus by believing and trusting in Him. Paul is saying that you must continue in Jesus. Christ is not just a door into the faith. He is the way in and through the faith. We are to be rooted in Jesus and to grow and be built up in Jesus. Once you are saved, the focus does not leave Christ. It remains here, and we stand in His work and in His commands by His strength.

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"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Song supplement #1

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Title: "Your Life Shows God's Work In You"

Prayer Emphasis

Erskine College

New President Rob Gustafson and Provost John Basie

Director of Admissions Bobby Durant

Commitment to Christian higher education

ARP Senior Day

Natural Disasters

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

Fires in Montana and Oregon

Protection and help for those affected and in the path

First responders

North Korea

De-escalation of tensions

Freedom from tyranny and oppression for the North Korean people

Christians

Ministries

New Sunday school classes

Parenting class

Wednesday Family Night

Youth and Children

Children of the Church

Continued growth

New members with children

Ministry to Our Neighborhood

Kids will continue to come on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays

They will believe in Jesus

They will join the church

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
 John Willis- Lymphoma
 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
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Broth-
 er
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
 Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother
 Family of Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece
 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.

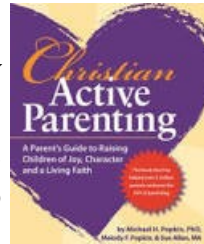
<p><u>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

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.

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.



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.

HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following:

- *Spaghetti Sauce
- *Canned Potatoes
- *Grits
- *Cereal
- *Instant Potatoes
- *Canned Tomatoes
- *Juice
- *Jiffy Mix

HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include:

- *Peanut Butter
- *Canned Salmon
- *Jelly
- *Canned Fruit
- *Canned Beef Stew
- *Dry Pasta



DROP IN BABY SHOWER You are invited to celebrate with Janet and Matt Hall as they look forward to welcoming their new baby boy. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 12-1PM following the Worship service Sunday, September 24.



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.

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

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 **TODAY** 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 **TODAY** and can be turned in at the table or to the church office. See Buddy Lever with any questions.