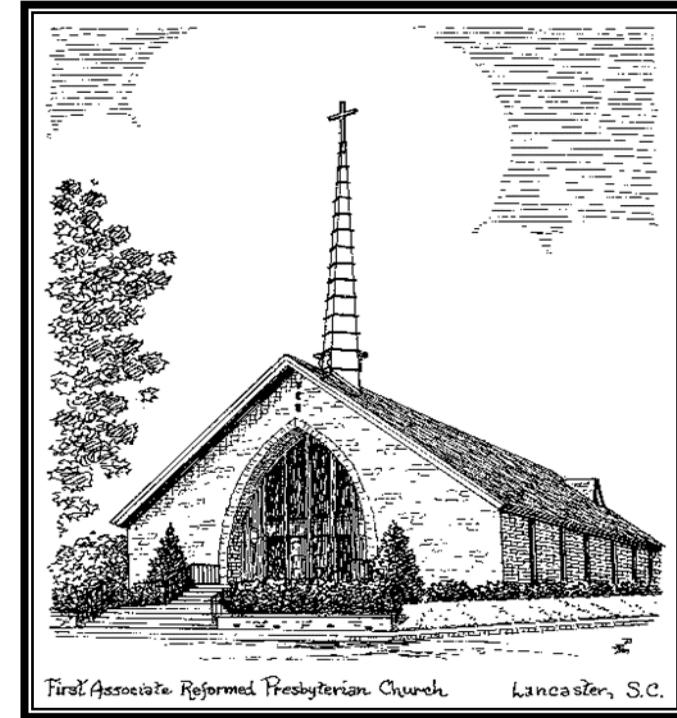


# Volunteers

	<b>September 24</b>	<b>October 1</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Kimberly Hefner	BONCLARKEN
<b>Toddlers</b>	Erin Tindal	BONCLARKEN
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Phil & Sarah Baer	BONCLARKEN
<b>(S)</b>	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn	BONCLARKEN
	<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 24, 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 104:1-2

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

### **\*Hymn**

Song Supplement #9

*“At the Cross”*

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong & 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

<b>September 17, 2017</b>	
Attendance	76
General Fund	\$3,630
Total GF contributions This Month	\$12,113
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$70
Hurricane Harvey	\$75

**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.

**Are you praying for your Ten List?**

Packets are available in the church office.

## This Week’s Schedule

### **Sunday, September 24**

9:15 Officer Meeting  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 Baby Shower  
5:30 Parenting Class  
5:30 Youth Group

### **Monday, September 25**

6:30 Trail Life  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
5:55 Supper  
6:30 Classes  
7:30 Choir Practice

### **Thursday, September 28**

LIFE LINE SCREENING  
**Friday, September 29**  
7:00 Youth Breakfast  
CONGREGATIONAL  
RETREAT

# Pastor's Corner

September 24, 2017

Dinners For Eight is a new opportunity for our church family. Mrs. Marilyn Duve is heading up this project as a way for the member of the church to get to know each other better and show hospitality to one another. The premise is simple: groups of eight people (couples or singles) will be put together and then will rotate eating at each others homes. Each family will bring something each night and after four months the groups will be reassigned and do it all over again. Mrs. Marilyn has a calendar of themes that groups can use or they can come up with their own ideas. These groups are designed to be flexible so as to fit the schedule and needs of everyone. We hope to have two group rotations a year.

Why do this? Why add one more thing to our already busy schedules? It is because community matters in the church. There is no such thing as the hermit or lone wolf Christian. We are called to be a part of the body of Christ. We need to be engaging each other, and there is no better way than to spend time with people in your home or theirs.

We have many new families and individuals at First ARP. It is important for those who have been here a long time to get to know these folks. We know we need to do this, but it is hard to find the time. We need to make time to spend together in fellowship around the tables in each others homes.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office. You can sign up there or you can call the office and we will sign you up. Please do not let this opportunity to grow closer to those in your church pass by. These people are who the Lord has called you to worship and serve with at First ARP Church.

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 #164

*“O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing”*

## **Tithes and Offerings**

## **Offertory**

Children's Choir

*“God Is Never Late”*

*\*\*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 #96A

*“O Sing a New Song”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“Lily of the Valley ”*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

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Philippians 3:1-11

**Sermon**

Dr. Kyle Sims

*“Paul’s Hope In Christ”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #642

*“Be thou My Vision”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Benediction**

**Thursday, September 28, 2017 - Colossians 2:8**

Note well the strong language Paul uses in making his point: put to death. We are not to play with sinful thoughts or acts. Notice the list that Paul gives us. They are a list of heart issues that flow out through our words and actions. He calls this idolatry because these are things in your life that you are putting before the Lord. God hates this and He is a wrathful God. His is not an angry hateful human like wrath. God has a perfect, just, and holy wrath against sin and sinners. Christ died to set you free from these. Christian, you have power over these sinful, earthly things because you are in union with Christ. Here is real hope and help.

**Friday, September 29, 2017 - Colossians 2:9**

Before we come to Christ, we might be good people in the eyes of the world, but not according to the standard of God. All of us walked in these earthly ways. We can not say “That person needs to do this” or “Those people need to do this.” Each of us must kill the sin in ourselves through the help of Jesus Christ. Paul expands the idea of what needs to be avoid specifically. “Anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie”. These seem to be specifically targeting sins of the mouth. Christ changes us from inside out. Heart and Mouth must put off old self and ways and put on the new self which is found in Christ. We are renewed to be like our creator who is holy and perfect. We die to our sinful and worldly self.

**Saturday, September 30, 2017 - Colossians 2:10-15**

It is important that we do not take these other passages too far in applying them. There are still distinctions in the world and in the church, however, in salvation there is no distinction. All have to come though Jesus Christ. All must fight sin. The Jews had an advantage of the scriptures, but they still must die to old self and put on the new. It did not matter who had advantage in this world and who did not. All must put off the old self and put on the new self in Christ. It is easy for us to fall into the trap Paul is writing about here. We can look at those in the world or new Christians and say “This is for you.”, however, the putting off of the old self and putting on the new self is something we have to do for our whole lives. It is something we continually look for Christ to help us do. It is not for others. It is for you.

# Devotions

## Monday, September 25, 2017 - Colossians 1:24-29

There is a movement in some circles of the church to go backwards into the Old Testament food laws and ceremonies. There are many folks who are refusing to eat pork or shellfish. They are celebrating the old holy days of the Jews. This is not something we can or should be compelled to do. These all pointed to Christ's coming and, now that we have Christ, we have no need of them anymore. All animals were declared clean in Peter's vision (Acts 10:9-16). Often these efforts are an attempt to go backwards for the sake of spirituality. If we want a greater spirituality we must go forward to Christ. These are shadows! Christ is where the substance is.

## Tuesday, September 26, 2017 - Colossians 2:1-5

We are in union with Christ's death, resurrection, and life (Romans 6:3-5). Paul is telling you here that in Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world. You are now set free from the sinful world in which you live as a Christian. You are dead to the world and alive to Christ. Paul's question is, "Why do you still live as though you are in the World?" There are those who will teach things that sound spiritual and good, yet they are a self-made religion that pushes you to asceticism (severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons) and sever actions and attitudes towards your physical body. These have no value in stopping sin. To do that, we must continue to look outside of ourselves (our work, our efforts, and our suffering) and look to Christ.

## Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - Colossians 2:6-7

While it is true that we can become so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good, it is equally true that we can become so focused on the things of earth that we do not seek the things that are above. Jesus tells us, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33). You are an alien and a stranger in this world. It is not your home. We are to care about the things of this world, especially the people of this world, but we are not to get caught up in the things of this world. We want the world to honor Christ. We want people to know Jesus and His salvation. Our hope and our home is in heaven. This should give us perspective as we live our life in this world and wait on the one that is coming.

## 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 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 3:1-11

Title: "Paul's Hope In Christ"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Erskine Seminary**

Dr. Lesslie Holmes - Provost

Dr. R.J. Gore - Academic Dean

Professors and Students

## **Victims of Natural Disasters**

Floods

Storms

Fires

Earthquakes

## **North Korea**

End of Tyranny

Safety for our Military Men and Women

Peace in the Region

## **Salvation of the Lost**

God will use us to share the Gospel

The Holy Spirit will work to convert sinners

We will see sinners converted in our ministry & as part of our church

## **Youth and Children**

Safety and growth at Senior High Retreat

All would come to faith in Jesus

All would grow strong in the Lord

Our new intern

## **Wednesday Family Night**

Good fellowship around the meal

Growth in the knowledge and faith of our people

## **The Afflicted**

Physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs

Grieving, lonely, and tired

## **Sister Churches**

First Presbyterian- Columbia, SC- Rev. Derek Thomas

First Presbyterian, ARPS- Hardeeville, 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  
 Katey Powell  
 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

## Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

## Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage  
 Shay & William Belk  
 Janet & Matt Hall

## Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 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  
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX  
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church  
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's  
 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  
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother  
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend  
 Phil Ghent- Butch Ghent's Brother  
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-  
 ley's Parents  
 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.

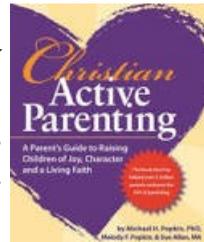
<p><u>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

# 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 Sundays 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. There is still room if you would like to join this class.



**PASTOR APPRECIATION** October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On Sunday, October 8, baskets will be available at the front and side entrances to the sanctuary for your cards and notes to Pastor Kyle.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT** The Fellowship Committee has created a way for our adult members and regular visitors to make new friends and interact outside the church. Groups of eight adults will meet once a month for dinner and fellowship for four months. You may sign up as couples, singles, or singles with friend. Once names have been collected, groups will be assigned and you will receive contact information for the members of your group as well as suggestions for each month's meals. Each group will decide the day and time of their meal. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for those who are interested in this fellowship opportunity. Please also mark the box if you are interested in hosting the first meeting.



**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 today.

**2018 BUDGET REQUESTS** Any committee or group that would like to have a budget request considered for the 2018 budget, please forward your request to the church office or give it, in writing, to Treasurer Sam Huey before September 30.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Join us for our Wednesday night program. 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. Checks are accepted, but please make them payable to **Butch Ghent**. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at First ARP Church on 9/28/2017. See the bulletin board across from the church office for details. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

**CATAWBA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE** All women of the church and their friends are invited to this year's annual conference Saturday, October 21 at Clover ARP from 9-2PM. The theme is "Serve the Lord With Gladness". Details and a signup sheet are available on the bulletin board across from the church office. The cost is \$8. Checks are to be made payable to Clover ARPWM and can be turned in to the church office. Checks and registrations are due by **Monday, October 2.**