

Volunteers

	October 15	October 22
Nursery	Natalie Carmichael	Dell Ghent
Toddlers	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
Greeters (F)	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve
(S)	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
	October	November
Elders	Frank Brackett	Butch Ghent
	Buddy Lever	David Pokopac
Captain	Keith Jaillette	Debbie Dickson
Co Captain	David Mohr	Debby Hegler
Ushers	Benny Brazell	Richard Gardner
	Sal Estrada	Steve Willis

Staff and Officers

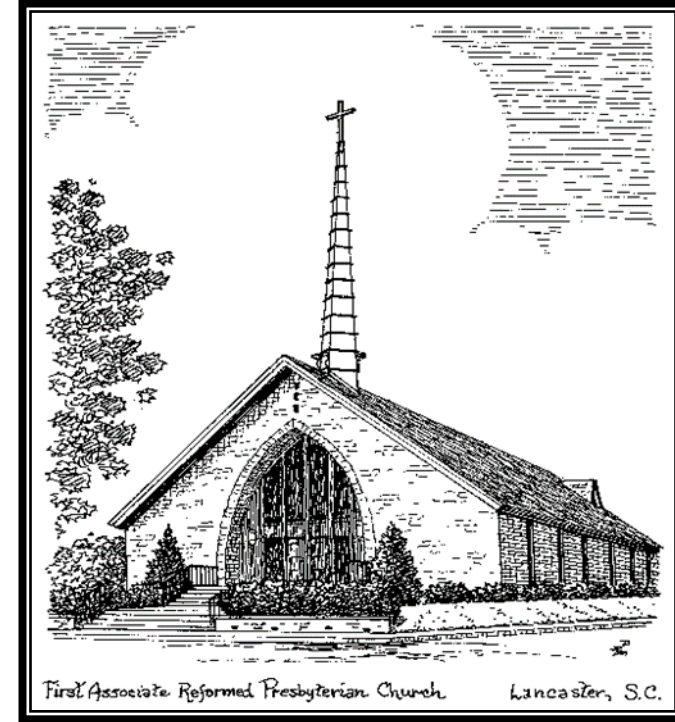
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

October 15, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 106:47-48

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #2

"Revelation Song "

Jennie Lee Riddle

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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.

Financials

October 8, 2017	
Attendance	67
General Fund	\$5,056
Total GF contributions This Month	\$7,307
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$248

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.

FUND OFFERINGS Next Sunday, October 22 we will collect an offering for our Missions Fund. Sunday, October 29 we will collect an offering for our Congregational care Fund. Envelopes will be included in your bulletin or at the front and rear entrances of the sanctuary.

**congregation stands*

Pastor's Corner

October 15, 2017

Have you ever thought about the importance of blood? I do not mean symbolically or spiritually, but as a needed substance to keep us alive. You can not survive without healthy blood in your body. It feeds our cells, takes away the waste, carries the oxygen we need, and attacks viruses and bacteria that make us sick. Blood is important to good physical health.

Similarly, have you ever thought about the importance of prayer? I'm not talking about discussing prayer or corporate prayer in church settings, but prayer as a needed activity in your spiritual life. We are called to 'pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Just as our blood is ever flowing in our bodies to keep us physically healthy, so should prayer be a constant state to keep us Spiritually healthy. Why is this?

The reason we should have a constant attitude of prayer is because God has told us to do so. It is also because we are to depend upon God in every and all situations. We are to always be lifting up our eyes to where our help comes from (Psalm 121). Prayer is where we interface with God. It is our obeying His call to come to Him with our praise, confession, thanksgiving, and needs.

It is not a question of, "Should I pray?", but a matter of, "How am I to pray?" This is the great problem in our hectic and crazy lives. Just like reading, exercise, and other helpful things, often prayer gets pushed out of our daily lives. One thing we should do is to look for ways to get prayer in our lives. Just like many life coaches will tell people to sneak exercise in by taking the stairs instead of the elevator or walking to lunch instead of driving, so can we find little ways to get prayer into our lives. One way is to pray as soon as you hear or see the need. Do not wait till your devotions. Take ten seconds and pray right then. Pray for folks when you see them driving, or ride by their neighborhood or house, or as God brings them into your thoughts. These are little ways to always keep the line open to God and to pray for people and issues during your day.

It is still important to have a set devotion time. Just like getting exercise into your day is good, you still need to hit the gym. Spiritually, you need to have open and constant prayer, but you also need to have a time of prayer set aside everyday. Prayer is not an option. You are called to it and it is for your Spiritual good. Just do it!

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.

The Apostles Creed

***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

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Red Trinity Hymnal #266

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Holy Is the Lord"

Chancel Choir

***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 #89A
“The Loving Kindness Of the Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir
“Keep your Lamps!”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 981
Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims
“Stand Firm In the Lord”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #648
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS There will be a brief meeting for all Fall Festival

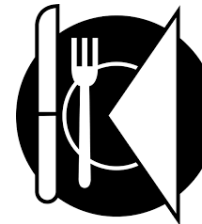


volunteers in the sanctuary following the worship service Sunday, October 22 to finalize coverage. If you cannot attend, contact David Pokopac. Volunteers will also meet immediately following the worship service Sunday, October 29 for lunch and set up. This will also replace Sunday evening youth group.

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.

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 months 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.

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

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. Child-care 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. Baskets will be available this month at the front and side entrances to the sanctuary for your cards and notes of encouragement to Pastor Kyle and family.



ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS Remember to turn in your subscriptions and payments for the 2018 ARP Magazine. Extra forms are available on the table at the side entrance. All forms and money are due by November 10. Checks are to be made payable to **ARP Magazine**. See Corinne Brackett with questions.

2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

October 21, 2017 Catawba Women's Ministries Annual Conference- Clover ARP Church, Clover, SC, 9:00 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

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"

Words and Music by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Title: “Stand Firm In the Lord”

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson continues to be a political prisoner in Turkey. He has been in prison for over a year now. He missed his daughters wedding. It is a trying time for both him and his family. Pray that he will be safe and that he will be released soon.

We have several folks off at School. Tyresse McCree is at Costal Carolina University. Nehemiah McGriff is at Limestone College. Elizabeth Sims is at Erskine College. These three are all freshmen in the midst of their first mid-term exams and papers. Nehemiah has basketball starting up as well. Pray for academic success, spiritual safety, and God’s blessing for these young people. Becky Andersen is in the DC area doing her residency in pharmacy. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues this challenging work. If you would like to send them a note, Stacy has their addresses at the church office.

The Session and Deacons are working on budget and nominations for church officers. These are important for the life of our church. Pray for wisdom.

Pray for areas of the US still trying to recover from natural disasters. California, Florida, Montana, Puerto Rico, and Texas have major issues. Pray especially for fires to be contained in the West and basic supplies and needs to reach Puerto Rico.

Pray for our youth and children. We have been blessed with a great group of youth. Pray for our growing children’s program and for more babies in the nursery. Pray that we will be faithful to help parents train up their children in the way of the Lord. Pray that we will be faithful to teach those children who come here without their parents.

Pray for our sister churches and their leadership:

Hickory Grove ARP- Hickory Grove, SC- Rev. Alan Morrow

Hill City- Rock Hill, SC- Seeking a Pastor

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 & Pat Willis
 Katey Powell
 Marilyn Duve
 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

Shay & William Belk

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
 Family of Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's
 Brother-In-Law
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 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>



2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT	2 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	3	4 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
8 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class 6:30 AE Circle 7:00 Diaconate	9 6:30 Trail Life	10 10:00 Presbytery	11 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
15 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class 7:00 Session	16 6:30 Trail Life	17 11:30 Lunch Bunch	18 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
22 MISSIONS FUND 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class	23 6:30 Trail Life	24 7:00 Elder's Assoc.	25 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
29 CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class	30	31 6:00 Fall Festival	

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 7:00 Youth Breakfast	7
12	13 7:00 Youth Breakfast	14 9:00 Children's Re- treat
19	20 7:00 Youth Breakfast	21
26	27 7:00 Youth Breakfast	28

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- Stephen & Christine Willis
- 8- David & Stacy Pokopac
- 12- Butch & Dell Ghent

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Stacy Pokopac
- 2- George Mason
- 2- Kelly Sims
- 9- Susan Cauthen
- 9- Chuck Coale
- 10- Mavis Caskey
- 12- Ben Rivers
- 12- Matthew Rivers
- 13- Mary Brown Parks
- 17- Mark Hefner
- 17- Sally Lloyd
- 20- Lisa Willis
- 22- Don Rushing
- 28- Ira Caskey III