

Volunteers

	November 5	November 12
Nursery	Susan Cauthen	Shannon Mohr
Toddlers	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
Greeters (F)	Pat & Mike Scruggs	Richard & Lorri Crawford
(S)	Butch & Dell Ghent	Richard & Patricia Gardner
	November	December
Elders	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Co Captain	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
Ushers	Richard Gardner	Mike Scruggs
	Steve Willis	Conner Tindal

Staff and Officers

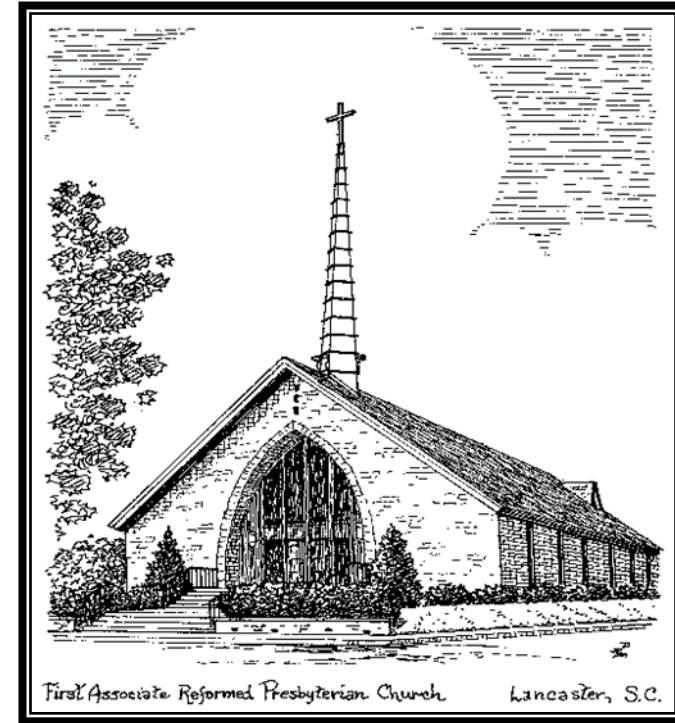
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

November 5, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 112:1

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #53

“Praise To the Lord, the Almighty”

***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.

October 29, 2017	
Attendance	80
General Fund	\$2,420
Total GF contributions This Month	\$17,554
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$105
Congregational Care Fund	\$65

General Fund	October	YTD
Contributions	17,879	230,933
Expenditures	25,008	238,135
Difference	-7,129	-7,202
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$876	\$5,375
Expenditures	\$2,475	\$16,873
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$205	\$2,895
Expenditures	\$41	\$452
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$0	\$575
Expenditures	\$1,054	\$0
Month end balance	\$1,448	



2018 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

- March 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken
- March 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.
- March 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- June 5 Catawba Presbytery- Bonclarken - 10:00 a.m.
- September 21-23 Senior High Super Retreat – Bonclarken
- October 13 Children’s Retreat at Neely’s Creek Church,
- October 9 Presbytery meets at 1st Rock Hill - 10:00 a.m.
- October 23 Elders’ Association at Shiloh Church - 7:00 p.m.
- November 2-4 Catawba Middle School Retreat-Bonclarken

Pastor's Corner

November 5, 2017

Where does the Gospel's influence impact our lives? There has been a push by many in society to make religion a personal issue and choice. The idea has been that you are free to believe what you want unless you bring it into the public arena. However, the gospel cannot be just your belief or deal with only your life. It should be at the forefront of who you are in all areas of your life. When we face problems in our world we should be looking for Gospel solutions to these problems. The Gospel has an impact on more than just spirituality in our world. It should be impacting our culture, our social mores, and our societal priorities. It should push us to be involved in the lives of those around us and to care for those whom we live near within our community.

An example of this would be in a concern for the number of shootings, assaults, and murders in our small community. We can pass blame on things we have no control over. We can say that is not happening where we live. Yet we should care about it because it is our community and God has called us to care for our community, every segment of our community. We need to understand that there are people who have a different life than most of us have at First ARP Church. They live a life without support from family, without opportunities, and at times with little hope. Here is where we have an opportunity to give people hope in Jesus Christ. We can give them encouragement in being part of a family of God that loves them in Christ. We can share our gifts and we can engage people with Gospel love and see lives changed.

This is an important opportunity for us to stand up for Jesus against evil in our community. This is not a fight for political points and prestige. Rather, it is a fight for the souls of young people so that Christ might transform them by His Gospel. God has called us to go into Lancaster. God has called us to make disciples and to care for the poor, the needy, and the fatherless. He is bringing them into our church. Are you willing to help those who at times are hopeless? Do you have faith that God can change our community? Are you willing to reach out even if it means that God will change you through it?

What do we need? We need basketball coaches, tutors, mentors, friends, helpers, and most of all prayer warriors. The Lord has opened the door for ministry and sent us folks to love in Jesus' name. Are you willing to step up and love in the name of Jesus? Will you love with the same love that Jesus gave you?

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"It Is a Good Thing"

***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.

The Apostles Creed

Chancel Choir

**universal

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

“My God, My God”

Blue ARP Psalter #22A

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

“Lord Jesus, Think On Me”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:5-7

Pew Bible Page 982

Sermon

“Guarded By the Peace of God”

Dr. Kyle Sims

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“In Christ Alone”

Song Supplement #20

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

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***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LESSONS AND CAROLS Have you considered joining the choir? Are you reluctant to make a commitment? The chancel choir has already begun to learn music for this year’s Lessons and Carols, but it is not too late to join us. You are welcome in the choir even for a short term as we prepare to lead the congregation in praise at the birth of Jesus. We meet at 7:30PM on Wednesdays. Contact Kristen Wunderlich for details. *Cupcakes can be arranged upon request.

NOMINATIONS If you would like to nominate someone for elder, deacon, treasurer, or congregational chairman, please fill out the form and place it in the box in front of the church office.



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.

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



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- November 26- Youth Soup Lunch Fundraiser
- November 29- Budget Presentation
- December 5- Congregational Meeting
- December 10- Church Christmas Party
- December 17- Lessons and Carols
- December 24- Christmas Eve Services

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.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for our Wednesday night program. Dinner is from 5:45- 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.



FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's event. We had a very successful Fall Festival and your hard work was greatly appreciated.

- David Pokopac

SHOE BOX COLLECTION November 13-20 is National Collection Week for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, however, all boxes collected at the church by Sunday, December 10 will be delivered to the processing center in Charlotte. Boxes and labels are available at the side entrance of the church. Please make a note that shipping this year has increased to \$9 per box.

If you would like to volunteer at the processing center, we have a slot reserved Monday, December 11 from 6-10PM. A signup sheet will be available closer to the date. Contact Kelly Sims or Lorri Crawford with questions.

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

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

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 4:5-7

Title: "Guarded By the Peace Of God"

Prayer Emphasis

Pray for those who are battling cancer. We have several who are dealing with several types of cancer. Pray for strength and healing.

Pray for our community. We have had numerous murders and assaults in 2017. Please keep praying for our First Responders, community, and especially the young kids who have been coming to church over the last few years.

Pray for Dahjay Stewart. This is a young man who has attended our church up until last summer. Pray that the Lord will help him make good choices and that he will come back to church.

Pray for those on the middle school retreat this weekend. Pray that the lessons learned will stick with the students and leaders.

Pray for Ethan McConnell as he prepares to come work for us starting in December.

Pray for Andrew Brunson as he continues to be held on trumped up charges in Turkey. Pray for his family and friends as they continue to worry and long for his release.

Pray for the lost and that we will be able to reach out to the lost in Lancaster.

Pray for your Ten List names. Pray they will come to church and come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Pray for our marriages and our parents with children.

Our sister churches and their leadership:

King's Church Mission- Columbia, SC- Rev. Matt Awtrey

Lemira Presbyterian- Sumter, SC- Mr. Dan Rowton

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 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

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 Jack Dockery
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 Joan Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 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

Praise

Shay & William Belk- Birth of daughter Rayne
 Omoro

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.

<u>Scripture Text and Title</u>	<u>My Favorite Hymn</u>
<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

November

2017

ANNIVERSARIES

6- Sam & Sheryl Huey

BIRTHDAYS


- 5- Pi Eddins
- 12- Natalie Carmichael
- 12- Grace Kelso
- 13- Clara Nell Robinson
- 22- Chic Whitlock
- 24- Lauren Tindal
- 26- John Willis

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(exceptions will be noted on the calendar)

- 9:15 Officer Meeting
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 5:30 Youth
- 5:30 Parenting Class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
29	30	31 6:00 Fall Festival	1 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	2
5 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 4:00 JL Circle 6:30 AE Circle No youth group tonight	6 1:30 JRP Circle	7 9:00 Classical Conversations	8 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	9
12 7:00 Diaconate	13 6:30 Trail Life (All)	14 9:00 Classical Conversations 11:30 Lunch Bunch	15 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	16
19 7:00 Session	20 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	21	22	23 
26 12:00 Youth Soup Lunch Fundraiser No youth group tonight	27 6:30 Trail Life (All)	28 9:00 Classical Conversations	29 5:45 Supper 6:30 Budget Presentation 7:30 Choir	30

Fri	Sat
3 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 7:00 Youth Breakfast	4 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
10 7:00 Youth Breakfast	11
17 7:00 Youth Breakfast	18
24 	25
1 7:00 Youth Breakfast	2