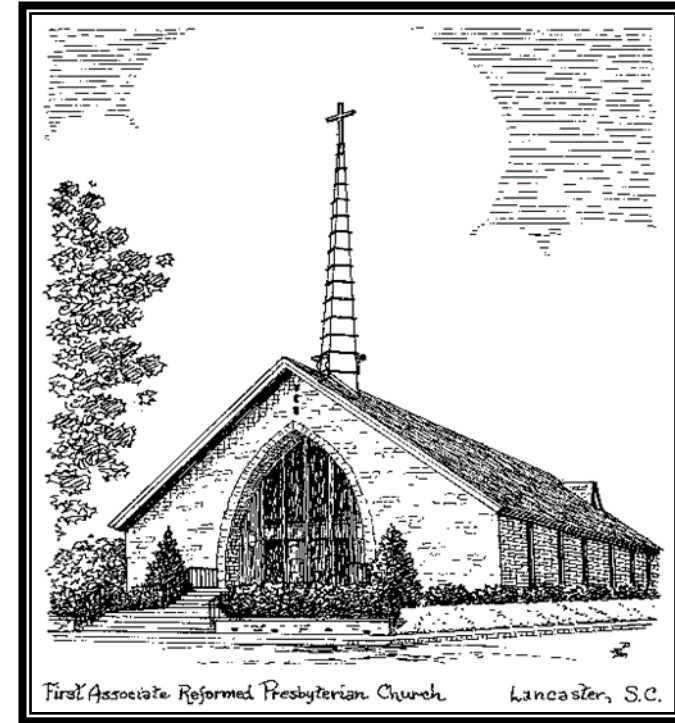


# Volunteers

	<b>November 19</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Stacey Pegram	Erin Tindal
<b>Toddlers</b>	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Phillip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
(S)	Joe & Debby Hegler	Mike & Susan Cauthen
	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
<b>Captain</b>	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
<b>Co Captain</b>	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Gardner	Mike Scruggs
	Steve Willis	Conner Tindal



# Staff and Officers

<b>STAFF</b>		<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
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		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

November 19, 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 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

### **\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #363

*“We Gather Together”*

### **\*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

<b>November 12, 2017</b>	
Attendance	93
General Fund	\$2,247
Total GF contributions This Month	\$6776
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Congregational Care Fund	\$45

**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.

### **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



*\*congregation stands*

# Pastor's Corner

November 19, 2017

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is a connectional Church. We are connected to other churches in our Presbytery and Synod. We have relationships with other ARP Synods, along with other denominations from around the world. This is not just a practical or pragmatic arrangement, but flows from a theological and Biblical understanding of the church. Jesus prays that the church would be one just as Jesus was one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

One of the ways that we strive to work together and support one another is through an organization called NAPARC. This is the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council. This 13 church organization meets annually to share, encourage, pray, and fellowship with each other. This last week we meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan. One of the main issues this year was seeking how to work together on common concerns and areas of ministry.

It is important for us to know that we are not just First ARP Church of Lancaster, but that we are part of the Visible church which includes all churches that believe the Gospel. We need to pray for each other, hold each other accountable, and work together as we can for God's glory and the building of His kingdom.

One of the more interesting parts this year was getting to know better some of our Canadian brothers. They are dealing with being a small minority in their population, yet seeing how God is working in them and through them to do great things.

Another area of great interest is how far around the world these 13 denominations reach out with their mission efforts. They minister in places like the Sudan, South East Asia, all over Africa and in South America. It is great to see what the Lord is doing through these sister denominations.

Pray for the church around the world! Realize the church is bigger than just us.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims  
Pastor

The Apostles Creed

## **\*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**

*"Harvest Carol"*

### **\*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.

Chancel Choir

\*\*universal

MEANS OF GRACE

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

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Philippians 4:10-13

**Sermon**

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“Christ Our Strength”

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn**

Song Supplement #35

“Behold the Lamb”

**The Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation and Fencing**

**Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most Merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer**

**Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WOMENS MINISTRIES** We are already gearing up for events in 2018 and need women to fill vacancies on our Women’s Ministries board. This group of ladies meets only once every 3 months to plan and organize upcoming events. We have openings in Family & Spiritual Life, Youth & Christian Education, and Historian/Scrapbook. Contact Katey Powell if you are interested in serving in any of these areas or for more information.



**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

November 29- Budget Presentation

December 2- Middle School Christmas Baking & Candy Making

December 3- Congregational Meeting

December 10- Church Christmas Party

December 17- Lessons and Carols

December 24- Christmas Eve Services

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** We will collect shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child program until Sunday, December 10. 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.

**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.

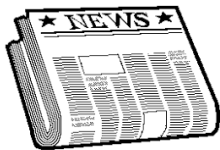
HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include: Peanut Butter, Canned Salmon, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Beef Stew, & Dry Pasta

# 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.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION** We usually take a break from our Wednesday night program until January, but this year we will have a special program November 29. During class time, youth and adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation of the 2018 budget. This will allow time for questions and clarifications before the Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 3. Elementary age children will have lessons and music time as usual. Dinner starts at 5:45PM. 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.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** The Coale's will host a "Christmas Baking & Candy Making" event for Middle School youth Saturday, December 2 from 1-4PM. Contact Sonja Coale for questions and details.

**\*Please note that the Soup Lunch fundraiser scheduled for next Sunday will be re-scheduled at a later time.**

**PRESBYTERY THANKSGIVING OFFERING** Today we are collecting an offering to support the work and ministry of the ARP Church. This offering will support the American Bible Society, Outreach North America, Erskine Seminary, and the Christmas Benevolent Ministry.

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

### **\*Hymn**

*"Behold the Lamb"*

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### **\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

### **\*Benediction**

## LEAVING WORSHIP

### **\*Congregational Response**

May the Peace of God our Heavenly 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 heaven.

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**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 4:10-13

Title: "Christ Our Strength"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **The World**

Churches working together

Syria and Refugees

North Korea

Turkey and Andrew Brunson

## **Our Country**

Areas devastated by natural disasters

Pray for divisions to be healed

Pray for our leaders

## **Lancaster**

End of violence

Outreach to the Lost in Lancaster

Witness to Lancaster

## **Our Church**

New Intern Ethan McConnell

Youth

Children

Ministry of the Word and Sacraments

## **Pray for the needs of the church**

Sick

Depressed

Financially needy

Need of Opportunities

Spiritual needs among the congregation

Marriages

## **Our sister churches and their leadership:**

Neely's Creek ARP- Rock Hill, SC- Rev. Matt Joldersma

New Hope ARP- Blackstock, SC

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Ann Pokopac  
 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

# 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>
<u>Sermon Points</u>  1.          2.          3.	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

# November/ December

# 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
<b>19</b> 7:00 Session	<b>20</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 
<b>26</b> Missions <b>Fund</b> No youth group tonight	<b>27</b> 6:30 Trail Life (All)	<b>28</b> 9:00 Classical Conversations	<b>29</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 <b>Budget Presentation</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>30</b>
<b>3</b> <b>12:00 Congre- gational Meet- ing</b> Last Parenting Class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 Classical Conversations	<b>6</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> <b>6:00 Church Christmas Party</b> 7:00 Diaconate	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b> <b>6:00 Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 7:00 Session	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

Fri	Sat
<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>
<b>1</b> 7:00 Youth Breakfast	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 MS Christmas Baking &amp; Candy Making</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>