

Volunteers

	December 3	December 10
Nursery	Susan Prete	Miranda Bohler
Toddlers	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
Greeters (F)	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever	Tom & Betty Arant
(S)	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Benny & Geri Brazell
	December	
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	
Captain	Sam Prete	
Co Captain	Lathan Rivers	
Ushers	Mike Scruggs Conner Tindal	

Staff and Officers

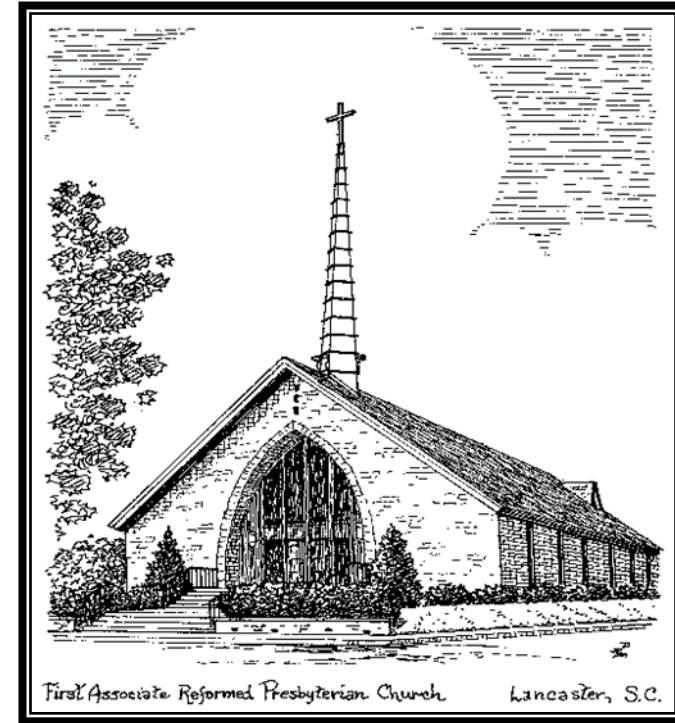
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:28-29

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #211

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

***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

November 19, 2017	
Attendance	102
General Fund	\$3,675
Total GF contributions This Month	\$10,451
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$95
Congregational Care Fund	\$60
Thanksgiving	\$323

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.

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.

Pastor's Corner

December 3, 2017

We had a great presentation by the church treasurer Sam Huey on Wednesday night. Sam went line by line through our budget, showing the cost of running our ministry at First ARP Church. As I said in last week's sermon and on Wednesday night, it is important that we do not separate the business side of the church from the ministry of the church. The Budget is simply a guide for how we are going to do ministry with our financial resources. It is a common burden we share in order to do a common ministry within the church.

Consider your giving. If you have been missing your weekly or monthly tithes, consider having a draft taken out of your checking. Kelly and I have been doing this for a few years. It is a great way to make a commitment and keep it.

We also are going to have opportunities to give to Bonclarken. The church, through the General Fund, is giving \$2,500 a year for five years. We have also had individuals pledge an additional \$1,000 per year. We would like to have more individual pledges so we give a total of \$5,000 (\$2,500 from the church and \$2,500 from individuals) each year over the next five years to help Bonclarken with a youth project they are working on. We are only \$1,500 away from that goal. I hope each family would consider a gift above tithes and offerings to help with this project.

It is also important for us going forward to continue to reach out and emphasize evangelism. We need to make sure that we assimilate folks into our church. They are not coming to our church. They are coming to their church. It is one of the biggest problems in a established church that new people are not allowed to express new ideas or new ways of doing things. Often these folks have a fresh approach to how things could be done. There has to be a balance between how we have always done things and the way they could be done. It is incumbent on the members who have been here longer to make the newer members feel like they are truly a part of the church. We can never want people to just come to our events, give money to our projects and ideas, and never express their own ideas. We must learn how to go forward together as we share the burden and cost of our common ministry.

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

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates"

*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** Red Trinity Hymnal #198
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
"Light Of the World"

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Pew Bible Page 869
Luke 11:13

Sermon Dr. Kyle Sims
"God's Gifts: Holy Spirit"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn** Red Trinity Hymnal #195
"Jot To the World! The Lord Is Come"

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

**UPCOMING
Events**

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- December 3- Congregational Meeting
- December 10- Church Christmas Party
- December 17- Lessons and Carols
- December 24- Christmas Eve Services
 - 9AM Continental Breakfast
 - 10AM Children's Service
 - 11AM Morning Worship
 - 4PM Candlelight Service
 - 10PM Candlelight Service

SHOE BOX COLLECTION We will collect shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program until next 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 is available on the bulletin board. Space is limited to 20 people and you must be 13 or older to participate. Contact Kelly Sims or Lorri Crawford with questions.



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

Announcements



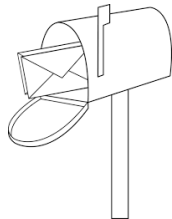
VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The church secretary will be on vacation December 26-29. If you are willing to help cover the phones on these mornings, please signup on the bulletin board. The church office will be closed December 22 and 25, and January 1.



TRAIL LIFE DONATIONS Our Trail Life scouts are collecting supplies to make fire starters. Please bring your old wax candles to the church office. Contact Buddy Lever with any questions.

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 events. We have openings in Family & Spiritual Life, Youth & Christian Education, and Historian/Scrapbook. Contact Katey Powell for more information.



MAILBOXES During the Christmas season, we have a mailbox available for the congregation to leave cards or messages for each other. They are located in the hallway behind the choir loft. Leave or pick up messages from the slot that matches the first initial of the last name of the recipient. 2018 GREETER schedules will be in the mailboxes next week.

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #194

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel.

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Sermon Notes

Text: Luke 11:13

Title: "God's Gifts: Holy Spirit"

Prayer Emphasis

- Situation in North Korea
- Military Men and Women away during Holidays
- Missionaries overseas away during the Holidays
- Erskine College and Seminary enduring attacks and persecution
- Church planters as they reach out during the holidays
- Those who have lost love ones
- Those caring for loved ones who are very sick
- Those dealing with physical sickness and ailments
- Those dealing with spiritual issues
- College Students ending their semester
- Ethan McConnell - New Intern
- Sister Churches

Rogers Memorial- Rock Hill, SC- Rev. Billy Fleming

Rowan Presbyterian- Lugoff, SC- Rev. Stephen Jordan

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
 Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson- Sister's Passing
 Erin Tindal
 George Mason
 Betty Allen- Harold's Passing
 I. W. & Mavis Caskey
 John & Pat Willis
 Katey Powell
 Marilyn Duve
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn
 Phil Baer- Mexican Leaders Workshop
 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

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain
 Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe
 Rebekah Carson-Germany

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>

December

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3 12:00 Congregational Meeting 5:30 Last Parenting Class	4 6:00 JL Circle	5	6 6:00 AE Circle 6:45 Choir Practice	7
10 6:00 Church Christmas Party 7:00 Diaconate NO YOUTH	11	12 11:30 Lunch Bunch	13 7:30 Choir Practice	14
17 6:00 Lessons & Carols 7:00 Session NO YOUTH	18	19	20	21
24 COMMUNION/ MISSIONS FUND (See side panel for today's schedule)	25 	26	27	28
31 CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND NO YOUTH	1 	2	3	4

Fri	Sat
1 7:00 Youth Breakfast	2 1:00 MS Christmas Baking & Candy Making 4:00 Choir Practice
8	9
15	16
22 	23
29	30
5	6

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6- Ed & Nancy Ogburn
- 9- Harold & Betty Allen
- 13- Kevin & Becky Andersen
- 19- Matt & Janet Hall

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Betty Allen
- 12- Emily Tindal
- 16- Rebekah Carson
- 17- Holly Rivers
- 20- Bobby Grier
- 21- Tom Morgan
- 23- Sal Estrada
- 26- Lathan Rivers
- 28- Spencer Sims
- 30- Geri Brazell
- 30- Spencer Estrada

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

- 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Children's Service
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 4:00 Candlelight Service
- 10:00 Candlelight Service