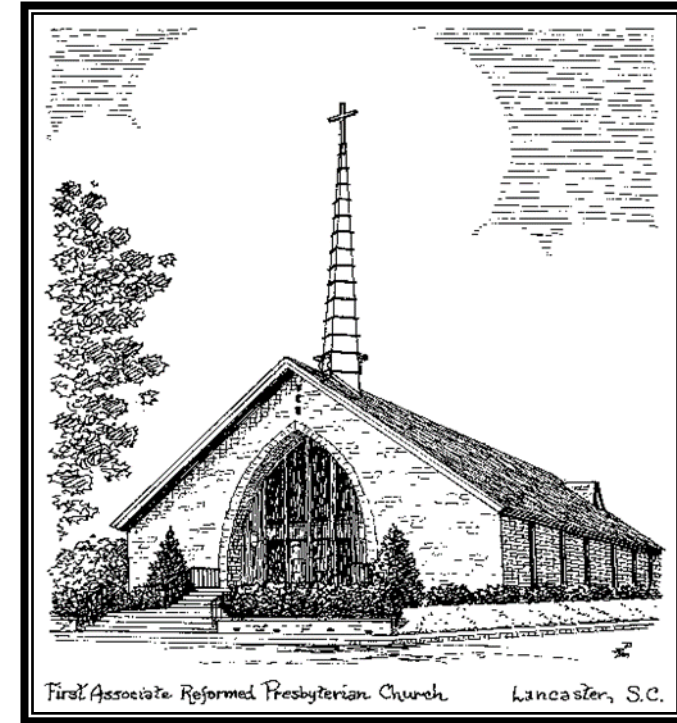


Volunteers

	January 14	January 21
Nursery	Holly Rivers	Kelly Sims
Toddlers	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
Greeters (F)	Mike & Pat Scruggs	Richard & Lorri Crawford
(S)	Butch & Dell Ghent	Joe & Debby Hegler
	January	February
Elders	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
Captain	Debbie Dickson	Debbie Hegler
Ushers	Mary Strickland	Joe Hegler
	Frank Brackett	Sonja Coale
	Benny Brazell	Chuck Coale



Staff and Officers

STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Pastoral Intern- Mr. Ethan McConnell		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	2019	Frank Brackett	Debbie Hegler
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2020	Richard Gardner	Daniel Bohler
		Sam Prete	Richard Shields

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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.

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #44

"How Great Thou Art"

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. *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.

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

January 7, 2018	
Attendance	84
General Fund	\$4,998
Total GF contributions this month	\$4,998
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$120
Memorial Fund	\$75
Congregational Care Fund	\$25

General Fund	December	YTD
Contributions	\$19,055	267,894
Expenditures	\$18,342	275,801
Difference	713	-7,907
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$564	\$6,438
Expenditures	\$1,267	\$19,555
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$170	\$3,210
Expenditures	\$0	\$411

Pastor's Corner

January 14, 2018

One of my goals this year is to attempt to make sure that every member is engaged in three areas of our public ministry. Sunday morning worship is the most important thing we do as a church. It is where we come together as the whole family of God and worship God. This is the primary part of our ministry that we want every member to participate in each week.

Beyond this, we want every member to be engaged in Sunday School and/or Wednesday Night Classes. You need to have a place where you are fed spiritually and can fellowship with other Christians. We have two Sunday School classes for Adults. The Adult Fellowship Class is a long established class that uses the ARP Adult quarterly curriculum. A newer Adult Class called Faith Builders is starting a study of the book of James. This class desires to dig deeply into the Word of God while also supporting each other with prayer and fellowship. If you are an adult not in Sunday School, you should come and join one of these classes. Another adult option is Wednesday night prayer meeting. We are studying the Shorter Catechism and praying for each other, the church, and the community.

The other thing we want to see is that everyone is serving in our ministry. There is a place for everyone of all ages and abilities to serve in our ministry. We need officers, teachers, volunteers, ushers, and helpers. The point is that we want you plugged in somewhere so that you are learning and engaged with other Christians.

This is basic church membership. It is being with the whole family of God in worship. It is being feed and engaged. It is serving the church and community through the ministry of the church. Make sure you are using your gifts, talents, and energies within the ministry of the church. Where do you need to get involved? Where do you need to be engaged? What gifts and talents do you need to be using here at 1st ARP?

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

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

"Lord, You've Searched and Know Me"

Chancel Choir

** 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 #7A

“O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge”

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Gather By the River To Pray”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

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Micah 1:1-9

Sermon

“The Lord Is Coming”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #324

“Christ Is Coming”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**



Thank you to the men and women of the church who helped with bereavement meals over the holiday season. Your willingness to serve on short notice truly ministered to these grieving families. Thank you so much for your time, talents, and Christian love.

Debby Hegler & Pat Scruggs

MEETING REMINDERS Diaconate will meet tonight at 7PM. Session will meet January 21 at 7PM.



UPDATED 2018 EVENTS!!!

- Mar. 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken
- Mar. 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- Apr. 15-20 Bonclarken Work Week**
- Apr. 21 Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster
- Jun. 5 Catawba Presbytery- Bonclarken - 10:00 a.m.
- Jun. 10-15 Camp Joy 1
- Jun. 11-16 Quest
- Jun. 17-22 Camp Joy 2
- Jun. 18-23 Horizon
- Jun. 30- Jul. 6 Appalachia
- Jul. 23-26 Family Bible Conference
- Sep. 21-23 Senior High Super Retreat – Bonclarken
- Oct. 5-7 Congregational Retreat**
- Oct. 9 Presbytery meets at 1st Rock Hill - 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 13 Children’s Retreat at Neely’s Creek Church
- Oct. 20 CWM Annual Meeting
- Oct. 23 Elders’ Association at Shiloh Church - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 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.

Are you praying for your Ten List?



WOMENS MINISTRIES All women of the church are invited to a joint Women's Circle meeting Saturday, January 20 from 11-1. We will begin a study of Genesis with the first chapter of *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality: The Gospel According to Abraham* by Iain Duguid and *Idols Of the Heart: Learning To Long For God Alone* by Elyse Fitzpatrick . This will be followed by

a soup lunch fellowship time. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Contact Katey Powell or Stacy Pokopac with questions.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY It is time to update information for the church directory. **Forms are in your mailbox for each person who has an envelope number, not just each family.** Blank forms are available for your friends and non-attending family included in the directory. I also need to know if you require offering envelopes for 2019. Please place completed forms in the labeled wood box by January 21.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT We have started our Wednesday night supper and classes for the spring. Supper is served at 5:45 followed by classes for all ages at 6:30. The cost is \$3 each or \$10 per family. Checks to BUTCH GHENT are accepted. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office by Tuesday each week.

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 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 1:1-9

Title: "The Lord is Coming"

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson- Please continue to lift up Andrew Brunson. Pray for his safety, his ministry, and his release. It is easy to tire as it has been a long time, but let us not forget this brother in chains.

Kids from the Neighborhood- We continue to have an opportunity to impact young lives of kids from our community. Pray that they will continue to get involved in our church. Pray that we will be able to share Jesus with them as well as help them in all areas of their life.

Pray for our Missionaries in Spain- Pray for the work in Northern Spain, for the Wittes in Toledo, and for the church plant in Madrid.

Pray for our church plant in Mt. Pleasant- Pray for the pastor Ben Carver. Pray for their outreach. Pray for their total ministry.

Ethan McConnell- Ethan is getting settled in here at First ARP. He will be starting seminary classes next month.

Sunday School- Pray that every adult in our church will have a Sunday school class.

Wednesday night- pray that those who can come will come to be a part of our ministry on Wednesday nights.

Pray for those with needs:

Injured

Battling serious illness

Dealing with the flu and colds

Undergoing treatments

Caring for loved ones

Grieving

Dealing with mental and emotional need

Need Jesus

Sister Churches

White Oak ARP- Winnsboro, NC- Rev. Clyde McCants

York ARP- York, SC- Mr. Jordan Bernard

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
 Betty Allen
 I. W. 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
 Wayne Dickson- Tests

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- NAS Pensacola

Missionaries

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

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 Sherry McMullen
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's
 Jimmy Simpson- Mary Ella Jordan's Cousin
 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
 Richard & Jimmie Harms
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-
 ley's Parents
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law
 William Jordan- Mary Ella Jordan's Brother 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>

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7	8 6:30 Trail Life	9 11:30 Lunch Bunch	10 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	11
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21 7:00 Session	22 6:30 Trail Life	23	24 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	25
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12 7:00 Youth breakfast	13
19 7:00 Youth breakfast	20 11:00 WM Soup Lunch
26 7:00 Youth breakfast	27

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Dave & Shannon Mohr
- 24- Sal & Robin Estrada

BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Laura Caskey
- 3- Carol Nims
- 6- Dave Mohr
- 7- Elise Tindal
- 8- Dorothy Richardson
- 9- Wayne Dickson
- 9- Kristen Wunderlich
- 13- Elle Andersen
- 15- Nancy Ogburn
- 16- Sarah Baer
- 17- Alex Bohler
- 22- Tom Arant
- 23- Virginia Fleming
- 24- Debby Hegler
- 27- Gene Hunter
- 31- Carlyle Henley
- 31- Sam Prete

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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