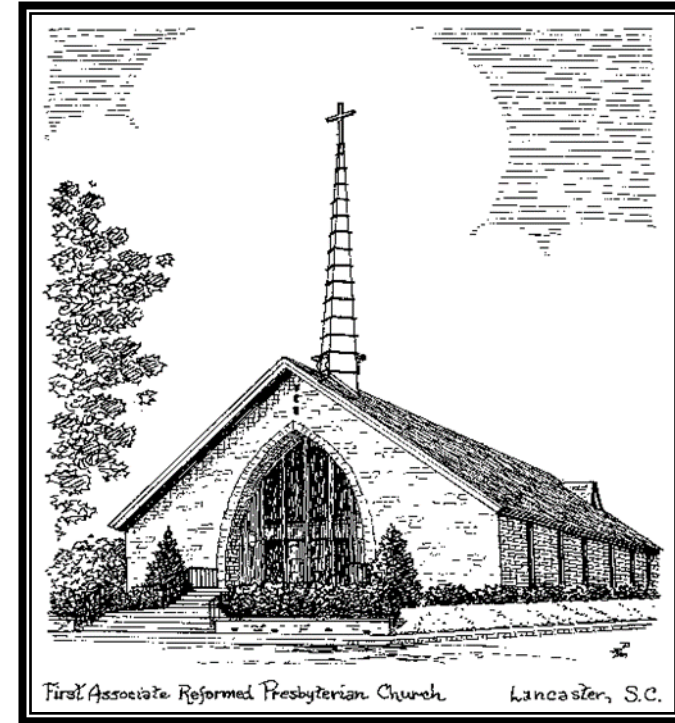


# Volunteers

	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 18</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
<b>Toddlers</b>	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
<b>(S)</b>	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Mike & Pat Scruggs
	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Gardner Sam Prete	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn
<b>Captain</b>	Debby Hegler	Keith Jaillette
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Hegler Sonja Coale Chuck Coale	Ben Rivers Richard Crawford Andrew Johnson



# Staff and Officers

<b>STAFF</b>		<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
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	Debby 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**

Mr. Ethan McConnell

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

### **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 #585

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

### **Confession of Sin**

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me...Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from Me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit...The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You wilt not despise. *Amen.*

# Financials

<b>February 4, 2018</b>	
Attendance	76
General Fund	\$3,229
Total GF contributions this month	\$3,229
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$70

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions	\$18,958	\$18,958
Expenditures	\$20,596	\$20,596
Difference	<b>-1,638</b>	<b>-1,638</b>
<b>Missions Support</b>		
Contributions	\$534	\$534
Expenditures	\$1,372	\$1,372
<b>Congregational Care Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$41	\$41
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
<b>Memorial Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$145	\$145
Expenditures	\$0	\$0

**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.

# Pastor's Corner

February 11, 2018

Each month, we will write an article featuring one of our church Bible study groups for women: Alison Erskine Circle, Jones Robinson Presley Circle, and Jean Love Circle. We are also excited to tell you about a couple other upcoming events Women's Ministry is hosting:

- "Show Some Love" Jubilee Birthday Celebration- February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hear from speaker Sheila Osborne, write (valentine) notes of encouragement to our Jubilee Ladies, and enjoy an ice cream sundae.
- Catawba Presbytery spring Meet & Greet - Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Join women from our Presbytery for a time of fellowship, friendship, and faith.
- Church Photo Directory- details coming soon

We hope that you will get involved and be a part of the fellowship in preparing, hosting, and attending these events.

## **This month's featured circle:**

Come join the Allison Erskine Bible Study! Our bible study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night of every month. We are currently meeting in the parlor. We have a great group of ladies that meet, talk, pray and study. We also support other areas of the denomination, missionaries, local needs and plan retreats and events. This year we are studying a book called *Idols of the Heart: Learning to Long for God Alone* by Elyse Fitzpatrick. This book talks about us creating idols in our lives. Here is an excerpt from the book ... *"Even though we don't bow down to stone statues or make bowls of food to set before our gods, we worship idols in other ways. -- Idols aren't just stone statues. No, idols are the loves, thoughts, desires, longings, and expectations that we worship in the place of the true God. They are things that we invest our identity in; they are what we trust. Idols cause us to disregard our heavenly father in search of what we think we need. Ours idols are our loves-gone wrong: all those things we love more than we love Him, the things we trust for our righteousness or okayness."* This year we hope to learn together about longing for God alone. Come join us as we draw closer to God and grow together as a group. We would love to have you!

Katey Powell- WM President

## **Assurance of Pardon**

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

## **\*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**

"We Would Worship Thee"

Chancel Choir

\*congregation stands \*\*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**

*“O Lord, I Will Exalt You”*

Blue ARP Psalter #30

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**

*“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”*

Chancel Choir

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

John 15:12-14

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**Sermon**

“No Greater Love”

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

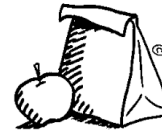
**\*Hymn**

*“O the Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus!”*

Red Trinity Hymnal #535

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Closing Prayer**



**LUNCH BUNCH** On Tuesday, February 13 Lunch Bunch will meet at Seagull’s Grill at 11:30. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

**PRAYER LIST THIS WEEK:**

John Willis- Heart surgery	Mayor John Howard- Lung cancer
Mary Ella Jordan- Broken hip	Pastor Kyle Sims- Pneumonia
Mary Parks- Moved to White Oak	Phil Baer- Travel/ Mexican Leaders Workshop
Family of Jo Culp Baird	

**Are you praying for your Ten List?**



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** Youth group will now meet on the second Sunday of the month from 6-7PM and on the 4th Sunday of the month at 12PM for lunch. Parents are asked to take turns providing the meal. A signup sheet is available on the youth bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.

All youth and their families are invited to “Board Game Night” Friday, February 23 from 6-8PM. Bring your favorite game to play and share. Pizza and drinks will be provided. A sign up sheet is on the Youth bulletin board. Contact Ethan McConnell for all youth group activities.

**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.

**JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** First ARP Women's Ministries will host our annual Jubilee Birthday Celebration Wednesday, February 14. This will replace our usual Wednesday night adult class. Spaghetti supper will be served at 5:45 and "Birthday Lady" Sheila Osborne will present our program. Come "Show Some Love" to our female missionaries and leave a word of encouragement in the designated Valentine's boxes. An offering to support our ladies will also be collected. Please make checks payable to First ARP Church and write Jubilee on the memo line.



**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Join us for Wednesday night supper and classes. 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.

**BONCLARKEN WORK WEEK** This year's work week at Bonclarken will be April 16-20. A project work list and registration forms are available in the church office. This is also a good time to support Women's Ministries and Bonclarken by sending items to the Gift Shop.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS** Church directories are available next to the mailboxes behind the choir loft. Please review your information and email me if you find errors. I will print corrections in the bulletin next week.

Stacy Pokopac

## 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 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

# Sermon Notes

Text: John 15:12:14

Title: “No Greater Love ”

# Prayer Emphasis

**Andrew Brunson** - Pray for his encouragement this week. After a hearing this past week, he was once again returned to prison. Pray also for his continued safety in prison, the ministry he is doing while in prison, and his eventual release.

**Sickness** - Pray for the continued sickness going around our church and around our town. Pray for healing and comfort as well as a quick recovery for those currently infected and for protection for those who have yet to receive it. Pray especially for Pastor Kyle as he works to recover in order to return to us.

**Youth and Children's Ministry** - Pray for conversion and sustaining grace for our covenant children and the kids that come from the neighborhood. Pray for the upcoming retreats in March, that the youth will draw closer to Christ and to one another through it.

**The Spread of the Gospel** - Pray continually for the spread of the Gospel around Lancaster, the United States, and the World. Pray especially for the conferences that are happening to train Pastors in South America, Africa, Mexico, and Asia. Pray for your brothers and sisters who suffer daily for the cause of Christ.

**The Coming of the Kingdom** - Pray that Christ's Kingdom will come. Pray that Satan will be destroyed, the Church healed, and Christ's reign established. Pray that God may be glorified in your praise and petitioning.

## **Sister Churches -**

Chester ARP- Chester, SC- Rev. Clint Davis

Clover ARP- Clover, SC

# Ongoing Prayer

## Requests

### First ARP

Ann Pokopac  
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
 Carlyle & Mott Henley  
 Chic Whitlock- Morningside  
 Clara Nell Robinson  
 Erin Tindal  
 George Mason  
 Betty Allen  
 I. W. Caskey  
 John & Pat Willis  
 Katey Powell  
 Marilyn Duve  
 Mary Brown Parks-White Oak  
 Mary Ella Jordan  
 Nancy Ogburn  
 Sally Lloyd  
 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

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

### Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- NAS Pensacola

### Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's  
     Parents  
 Darrell Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's  
     Brother  
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister  
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom  
 Doris Hudson- Lorri Crawford's Mother  
 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  
 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

# 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>Scripture Text and Title</u></p>	<p><u>My Favorite Hymn From This Week</u></p>
<p><u>Sermon Points</u></p>	<p><u>What I Learned Today?</u></p>
<p><u>Things To Pray For</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

# February

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Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu

				<b>1</b>
<b>4 COMMUNION</b> 12:00 New Mem- bers Luncheon 1:00 Youth Meet- ing	<b>5</b> 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> 5:30 AE Circle <b>6:00 Youth</b> 7:00 Diaconate	<b>12</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>13</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>14 Sr. Hi Re- treat deadline</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 <b>JUBILEE CELEBRATION</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> 7:00 Session	<b>19</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>22</b>
<b>25 MISSIONS</b> <b>12:00 Youth Lunch</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	

Fri                  Sat

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>9</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast	<b>10</b>
<b>16</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast	<b>17</b>
<b>23</b> 7:00 Youth breakfast	<b>24</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES

20- Tom & Betty Arant

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Mott Henley
- 2- Sydnee Banholzer
- 3- Tom Strickland
- 4- Ashley Willis
- 7- Catherine Mattevi
- 9- Mary Strickland
- 13- Roy Beckham
- 15- Conner Tindal
- 27- Ed Ogburn

## NORMAL SUNDAY

### SCHEDULE

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