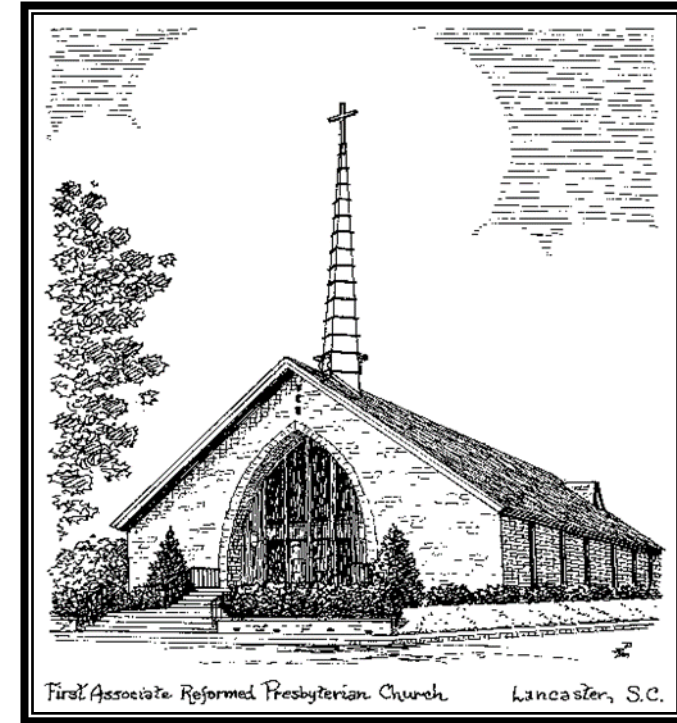


# Volunteers

	<b>February 25</b>	<b>March 4</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
<b>Toddlers</b>	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever	Butch & Dell Ghent
<b>(S)</b>	Tom & Martha Morgan	Chuck Coale/ Delaney Cox
	<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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February 25, 2018

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **Call to Worship**

Mr. Ethan McConnell

Psalm 5:11-12 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### **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 #689

*"Be Still My Soul"*

### **Confession of Sin**

Lord Jesus, You came as a Servant; we have sought to be served. You came to freely give us mercy; we take of your mercy, but do not give it away. You extended yourself in love to us; we shield ourselves from those in need. You alone can wash us from our sins; we offer ourselves to You. Cleanse us we pray. *Amen.*

*\*congregation stands*

# Financials

<b>February 18, 2018</b>	
Attendance	97
General Fund	\$3,264
Total GF contributions this month	\$8,539
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$30
Congregational Care Fund	\$20
Bonclarken Campaign	\$1000

**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

# Pastor's Corner

February 25, 2018

Brothers and Sisters,

The other week I was reading a book called *Multiply* by Francis Chan. The book was written to help Christian's who live in an individualistic society begin reaching out and making disciples. Throughout each chapter, Chan asks a number of questions designed to make the reader think about their role in disciple making. As I began reading through the first chapter of the book, one of Chan's questions struck me as odd. He asked, "If you choose to obey Jesus' call to follow, what might it cost you?"

At first glance, the question appears to be straightforward in the answer that it seeks. Yet, upon further contemplation, I think the wording of Chan's question creates a false dichotomy about our walk with Christ. Following Christ isn't a matter of weighing the pros and cons. When we choose to follow Christ truly, with our whole heart, mind, and strength, it should never be a question of what we might lose. Rather, the more revealing question is what are we unwilling to lose?

Western Christianity has become fixated on what following Christ might cost us. What we fail to understand is that Christ doesn't call us to give up some small comforts for his sake. No, Christ calls us to pick up our cross and follow him. Walking with Christ isn't about what it might cost us – it should and will cost us everything. If we truly worship him as Lord over all things, we have already forfeited everything and given it to him. Bonhoeffer's famous statement sums it up quite nicely – "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

The problem with Chan's question is that it leaves us with a false sense of security and control in our comfort and stability. Until we realize that Christ is all there is, all there ever has been, and all there ever will be, we will continually worship the idols of control and comfort in our hearts and minds. This morning I would like to encourage you to take some time to reflect on the things you are unwilling to give up. Are you truly living for Christ? If not, what needs to change? These are important questions for all of us. Remember Christ always.

In Him,  
Ethan McConnell  
Pastoral Intern

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:22

The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

## \*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\*\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Chancel Choir

*"When Morning Gilds the Sky"*

**\*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**

*“And Now, O Lord”*

Blue ARP Psalter #39B

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**

*“Seek Ye First”*

Chancel Choir

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 571

Isaiah 6:1-8

**Sermon**

*“When We See God”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

*“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

Red Trinity Hymnal #172

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Closing Prayer**

**SPECIAL SERVICES** Rev. Leon Brown, church planter and pastor at Crown and Joy Presbyterian church in Richmond, VA will be the speaker for this year’s Special Services March 11-14. He has a fascinating testimony of his youth and conversion, has preached the Girardeau Lectures at First Presbyterian in Columbia, and is a graduate of Westminster Seminary in California. He is currently working on a Doctorate in Hebrew. Please make time to attend this great worship opportunity.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



- Mar. 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken
- Mar. 11-14 Special Services
- Mar. 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken
- Mar. 25 Easter Music and Reception
- Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar. 31 Easter Egg Hunt- 1:00- 2:30PM
- Apr. 15-20 Bonclarken Work Week
- Apr. 21 Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster

**WEBSITE FEEDBACK** We are updating the church website and are looking for your feedback. Please visit our current site at [www.firststarplancaster.org](http://www.firststarplancaster.org) and let us know what works or doesn’t work, and what you would like us to add or take away. Contact the church office at [onahill@comporium.net](mailto:onahill@comporium.net) to share your ideas .

**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. See Ethan McConnell with questions.



# 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.



**PRAYER LIST THIS WEEK:**

John Willis- Rehab	Mayor John Howard- Lung cancer
Mary Ella Jordan- Rehab	Pastor Kyle Sims- Recovery from pneumonia
Family of Jimmie Harms	Family of Rev. Billy Graham
Heather Small- Surgery	

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

**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.



**WOMEN'S WORK WEEK** Calling all ladies!!! What better incentive do we need to put some polish and shine on our church home than to host special events? Before we open our doors to welcome our guests, we have some sprucing up to do. The "to-do" list is posted on the refrigerator in the parlor. Cleaning supplies are also there. Because we women are either working or playing, it's just too difficult to find one day that everybody can meet to tackle the work list, so we have set aside 3 dates...March 1, March 29, and April 7...to meet at 10:30 and polish, clean out, straighten up, etc. If none of these dates work for you, we would appreciate your time when it is most convenient for you. Just check the list in the parlor to see what needs to be done. Questions? See Debby Hegler.

**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**

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.'

# Sermon Notes

Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

Title: “When We See God ”

# Prayer Emphasis

**Special Services:** Rev. Leon Brown will give the sermon during Sunday worship and at the evening services March 11-14. Pray for safe travel for Rev. Brown . Pray that these services will be well attended and people will grow closer to God during this special time of worship.

**Missionaries:** Remember to pray for our missionaries around the world. Pray for the advance of the Gospel through the building of relationships. Pray especially for Andrew Brunson as he continues to be wrongfully imprisoned. Pray for his ministry there. Pray for those here at home who struggle each day to live out the light of the Gospel in their places of work. Pray for all Christians to be ready and willing to share the Gospel in any situation.

**Our Troops:** Pray for our troops. Pray that God will bless them and keep them safe. Pray that he will allow them to hear the Gospel—especially those who have not heard before.

**Our Community:** Pray for our community. Pray for the people here who haven’t heard the Gospel. Pray for our ministry in the community. Pray for one another as you are shining lights for the glorious Gospel of Christ.

**Our Youth:** Continue to pray for our youth group as we prepare for the upcoming retreats. Pray for the kids going. Pray for the speakers who will teach us.

**Sister Churches:**

Edgemoor ARP- Edgemoor, SC- Rev. Bob Elliott

Edwards Memorial ARP- Cayce, SC- Rev. Gregory Slater

# 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

### Praise

Phil Baer- Home and healthy

# 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>

# March

# 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				<b>1</b> 10:30 Women's Work Day
<b>4</b> <b>MS Retreat deadline</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat	<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> <b>5:00 AE Circle</b> 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>12</b> 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>13</b> Presbytery at Oak Ridge ARP 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>14</b> 6:30 Special Ser- vices	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> 7:00 Session	<b>19</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	<b>20</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>21</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>22</b>
<b>25 MISSIONS</b> 12:00 Youth Lunch 6:00 Easter Music Celebration	<b>26</b> 6:30 Trail Life	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Wednesday Night events	<b>29</b> 10:30 Women's Work Day Maundy Thurs- day service

Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat	<b>3</b>  Sr. Hi Retreat
<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  M S Retreat	<b>24</b> Church Work Day  M S Retreat
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6- Don & Betsy Rushing
- 10- Carlyle & Mott Henley
- 31- Chuck & Sonja Coale
- 31- Mark & Kimberly Hefner

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Sam Huey
- 6- Phil Baer
- 8- Frank Brackett
- 10- Kyle Sims
- 18- Barton Henley
- 19- Lorri Crawford
- 21- Dell Ghent
- 24- Kimberly Hefner
- 26- Johnny Jones
- 27- Amanda Banholzer
- 29- Buddy Lever

## NORMAL SUNDAY

### SCHEDULE

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