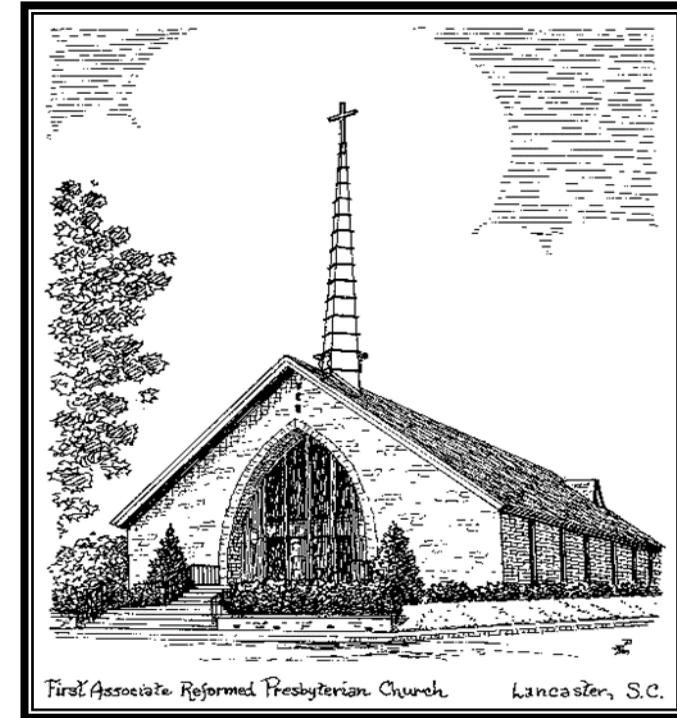


Volunteers

	April 1	April 8
Nursery	Holly Rivers	Kelly Sims
Toddlers	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
Greeters (F)	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Chuck & Sonja Coale
(S)	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
	April	May
Elders	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
Captain	Dave Mohr	Richard Shields
Ushers	Matthew Rivers	Barton Henley
	Richard Gardner	Mike Scruggs
	Tom Holland	Johnny Jones



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	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 & Announcements Dr. Kyle Sims

Congregational Introit Red Trinity Hymnal #267
“The Day of Resurrection”

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship** Psalm 118:1,15-17 with antiphon

Christ is Risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

Hark, glad songs of victory in tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted.

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

***Hymn** Red Trinity Hymnal #277

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

***Prayer of Adoration**

** stand as you are able*

Financials

March 25, 2018	
Attendance	97/74
General Fund	\$5,158
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$16,269
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$485
Congregational Care Fund	\$10
Memorial Fund	\$270

TEAM MEETING The Safety and Security team will meet Tuesday, April 3 at 6PM.

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.

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
Family of John Willis
Pat Willis
Katey Powell
Marilyn Duve
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 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 Harms and Family
Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-
ley's Parents
Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law
Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

***The 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.*

***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

"Resurrection Victory"

Chancel Choir

***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.

***Hymn**

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

Red Trinity Hymnal #276

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 962

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“But Thanks Be To God”

Prayer of Application

*Hymn

Song Supplement #35 verses 1-3

“Behold the Lamb”

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation and Fencing

Confession of Sin

Our most Merciful Father in Heaven, we come this Resurrection Lord’s Day and confess our sins knowing that it was for this reason that Christ suffered and died. It was because of our debt which we could not pay that He came to earth to pay our debt and forgive us our sin. In His death we find forgiveness and in His resurrection we find hope of eternal life. Help us live in the light of the cross of Christ; daily fighting against the sin in our lives and hearts and trusting in Your grace to transform us and to save us. Bless us this day as we think upon Christ’s resurrection that we might know what a great salvation is ours and at what great cost it was purchased for us. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Gospel

Titus 3:3-7

Words of Institution

It is hard to give a significant and regular amount. This may be why only two families signed up for draft giving. The church needs you to step up and obey God to give to the church and its work. We want to keep doing the ministry that God has called us to here in Lancaster. We want to see this ministry expanded. The church has to have money to do this. In his Rules for Public Policy, Morton Blackwell says, “You cannot save the World if you cannot pay the light bill.” How true this is, but in the church this means more than meeting expenses. It means that we need funds to maintain AND expand our ministry.

I ask you to take a good look at your giving to Christ and His church. Does your giving indicate a heart for the church, its ministries, and our message to the lost? Can you do more? Would God have you do more?

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson - The Moderator of the ARP church has called for a day of prayer and fasting on April 7. Andrew has been formally charged and his trial is set for April 13. Please pray for God to be at work to free Andrew.

Outreach in Lancaster - Pray that we would in our personal and congregational lives be living out the great commission both in reaching out to the lost and in building up believers in Christ.

Children and Youth of the church - Pray for our children that are growing up in a world of confusion and change. Pray that they will know the un-moveable rock of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will be faithful to do our part in teaching and modeling Christ in our lives.

The Poor and Needy - Pray for those who need help in getting their lives together. Pray that we will help the poor and needy both in short-term and long term needs.

The Men of the Church - Pray that we might increase our fellowship and ministry together at the church.

Sister Churches: Lemira ARP, Sumter, SC & Oak Ridge ARP, Heath Springs, SC

Pastor's Corner

April 1, 2018

Why do you not give to the church? I do not know the answer to this question. It has bothered me for a long time. We have never been a good giving church. In the last year it has gotten worse. We approve budgets that require an increase in spending, but we do not see extra giving in the offering plate. I know many people are on fixed incomes and some give more than their fair share. I am writing today to those who do not give or who do not give regularly to the church.

Maybe you were like Kelly and me and you would forget to bring a check or forget to make up for missing last month. It happens, but this is why we chose to go with the draft option. Now we can consistently give without having to remember to grab a checkbook on the busiest morning of the week for our family.

Maybe you think we have enough money. This one stuns me. We have been the beneficiary of some estates, yet this money will not sustain the church for long. In the short term we can fund ministries like our youth program, however, it will not sustain it forever. Furthermore, why should we try to just sustain it? Why not hire a full time youth leader or, even better, an Associate Pastor? What if we could hire one of our interns to be an Associate Pastor after they graduate? Yes, this is expensive, but what if we did not have part time leadership that left every couple of years? What would be the advantage to these longer tenures? The only way we will know is if we do it, and that will take money. The short answer is we have enough money as long as we are happy to keep doing what we are already doing and only for a few more years. The church is not called to be maintaining. We are called to be growing.

Maybe you do not think you have enough money. I honestly get this. I have thought the same thing at times. It is difficult to make ends meet, but giving to the church must not be from your surplus. You need to look at your finances, commit to give an amount, and do it. Then try and increase it each year as you can. Many of our givers said this is how they started giving and worked their way to giving a tithe.

Maybe you do not see the need. The real fear is not that we are going to run out of money. We have money in the bank. If need be, we can start cutting back on expenses and staff positions. This would probably let us maintain a slowly reducing ministry for 20+ years, but is this what we really want to do? Are we called to just survive or are we called to make a difference? My greatest fear is that our lack of giving to the general fund and missions fund is a heart issue. Do you have a heart for the ministry of the church? Do you have a heart for the proclaiming of the Gospel? What does your giving say about your heart?

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb”

Song Supplement #35 verse 4

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***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

“Benediction”

Song Supplement #1 verse 1

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Title: "But Thanks Be To God"



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Pizza will be served at 5:15 PM. The cost is \$3 per person and there is no family discount this week. Unity ARP Church has invited all youth, children, and adults to a movie this Wednesday night. We will meet at the Crown Cinema on Meeting Street at 6PM to see "I Can Only Imagine". The cost is \$7 per person for popcorn, drink, and movie ticket. **There will be a short Wednesday night class at 6PM for adults who do not attend the movie.** If you plan to eat pizza, please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office by Tuesday. **If you have already signed up and are not eating, please mark your name off the list.**

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

The Dinner's for 8 program seems to be well received from all I have heard. Each group should be having their last two dinners by the end of April. At that time we will draw new groups for May through September. The summer months should be a fun time for these groups as we can have cookouts, barbeques, etc. If you have not been in a group and wish to join in, now is the time to sign up. If you have been in a group and would like to sit out the next round, now is your chance. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board next week for those who want to join in and those continuing through the summer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Marilyn Duve



INTERNET SAFETY Ethan McConnell will lead a parent and congregation meeting on internet safety. This meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship service Sunday, April 8. It is designed to make parents and teens aware of the dangers and pitfalls of internet use and to give useful information to keep them safe, but all members of the congregation are invited to attend. Contact Ethan if you have any questions.



THANK YOU To the Ladies of the church who contributed: Thank you so much for the gift of cards and money. I am truly grateful. I felt all the prayers and love each day as I got treatment. God is so good. I am so blessed to call you my church family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

-Katey, JB, and Hannah Powell

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.

CHURCH WORK DAYS Thank you to all the ladies who have participated in the work days this spring. We will meet one final time **Saturday, April 7** at 10:30 to polish, clean out, straighten up, etc. See Debby Hegler with questions.



CWM MEET & GREET First ARP Church will host the Catawba Women’s Ministries Meet & Greet Saturday, April 21 for all ladies in our Presbytery. Registration and light breakfast will be served at 9AM followed by a time of fellowship and focusing on “God’s Word”. The event will end with lunch and conclude at 12:30PM. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board in front of the church office for any woman of the church who would like to join this free event. Childcare will also be provided upon request. Please register by **Wednesday, April 11**. See Katey Powell with questions.

PHOTO DIRECTORY If you have not scheduled a time for your directory photo, please come to the church Friday April 6 from 5:30-8 or Tuesday, April 10 from 5:00-7:30. Pictures will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis for any unscheduled time slots. We are nearing the end of our picture taking window, so please make time for this important church project.



FLOWERS Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Sara (Pi) Eddins in memory of Hooper and Tommie Jernigan, Chris Hollingsworth, Sr., and Mack Eddins.

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>

April

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 EASTER/ COMMUNION	2 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	3	4 5:15 Supper 6:00 Movie 6:00 Classes 7:30 Choir	5
8 12:00 Internet Safety Meeting 5:30 AE Circle 6:00 Youth 7:00 Diaconate	9 6:30 Trail Life	10 11:30 Lunch Bunch	11 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	12
15 4:00 Choraliers Concert 7:00 Session BONCLARKEN	16 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators) WORK WEEK	17 BONCLARKEN	18 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir WORK WEEK	19 Life Line Screen- ing BONCLARKEN
22 MISSIONS	23 6:30 Trail Life	24	25 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	26
29 CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE 12:00 Youth Lunch	30			

Fri	Sat
6 7:00 Youth Breakfast	7 10:00 WM Board Meeting 10:30 Wom- en's Work Day
13	14
20 7:00 Youth Breakfast WORK WEEK	21 9:00 CWM Meet & Greet
27 7:00 Youth Breakfast	28

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Kurt & Amanda Banholzer
- 4- Hazel & Kay Cauthen
- 7- Richard & Esther Shields
- 17- Joe & Debby Hegler
- 24- Philip & Stacey Pegram
- 29- Tom & Mary Strickland

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Taylor Prete
- 4- Hannah Powell
- 11- Ethan McConnell
- 12- Philip Pegram
- 15- Greta Cureton
- 15- Sarah Henley
- 16- Emma Dix
- 21- Joe Hegler
- 23- Athen Andersen
- 26- Karen Welch
- 27- Crystal Hardman
- 28- Patricia Gardner
- 29- Betty Arant

NORMAL SUNDAY

SCHEDULE

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