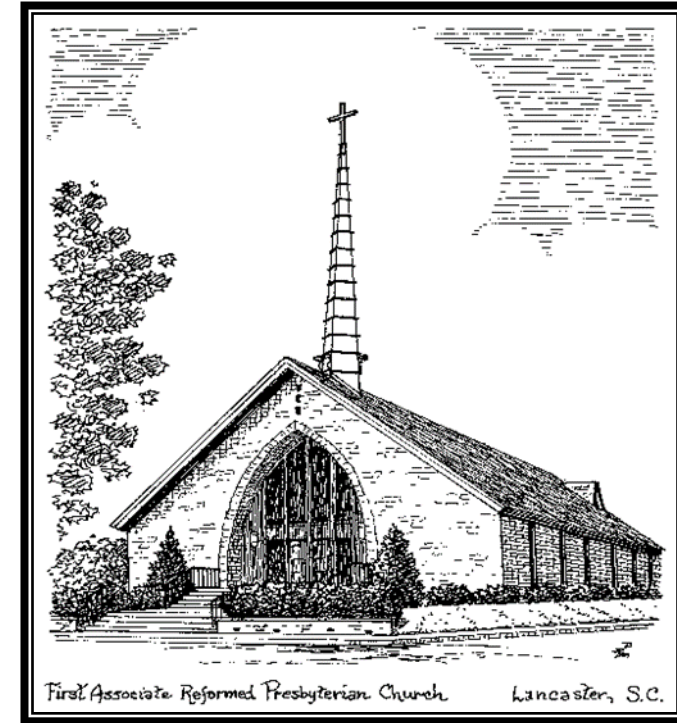


Volunteers

	April 8	April 15
Nursery	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
Toddlers	Stacey Pegram	Erin Tindal
Greeters (F)	Chuck & Sonja Coale	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
(S)	Tom & Martha Morgan	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever
	April	May
Elders	Frank Brackett	Richard Gardner
	Buddy Lever	Sam Prete
Captain	Dave Mohr	Richard Shields
Ushers	Matthew Rivers	Matthew Rivers
	Richard Gardner	Richard Gardner
	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

Call to Silent Prayer

Prelude Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Kyle Sims

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

ENTERING WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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 #290

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

*Prayer of Confession

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before You, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Financials

April 1, 2018	
Attendance	125
General Fund	\$4,995
Total GF contributions this month	\$4,995
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$75
Memorial Fund	\$985
Easter Special	\$292

General Fund	March	YTD
Contributions	\$21,685	\$58,566
Expenditures	\$24,237	\$66,953
Difference	(\$2,552)	(\$8,387)
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$597	\$1,573
Expenditures	\$2,572	\$5,207
Congregational		
Contributions	\$10	\$81
Expenditures	\$0	\$340
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$500	\$695
Expenditures	\$470	\$470

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

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
Betty Allen
Carlyle & Mott Henley
Carol Nims- Presbyteri-
an Home- Florence
Chic Whitlock- Morn-
ingside
Clara Nell Robinson
Erin Tindal
George Mason
I. W. Caskey
Katey Powell
Marilyn Duve
Mary Ella Jordan
Nancy Ogburn
Pat Willis
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

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
Dillon Coale- NAS Pensacola

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
Charles and Annie Montgomery- Su-
san 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 Presbyteri-
an 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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

***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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chancel Choir

“Be Holy”

***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.

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

**stand as you are able **universal*

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

“Christ’s World-Dominion”

Blue ARP Psalter #169

New Testament Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:13-17

Pew Bible page 977

Prayer of Intercession

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Micah 5:1-5a

Pew Bible page 778

Sermon

“The Promise Of a Deliverer”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“Christ is Coming ”

Red Trinity Hymnal #324

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

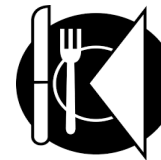
***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for Wednesday night supper followed by classes for all ages. Supper is served at 5:45 and classes begin 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.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 8 Internet Safety Meeting- 12:00
- Apr. 10 **Directory Photos 5-7:30**
- Apr. 15 Erskine College Choraleers Concert- 4:00PM
- Apr. 15-20 Bonclarken Work Week
- April 19 Life Line Screening
- Apr. 21 Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- 1st Lancaster- 9:00AM
- Apr. 22 Appalachia Missions Team Spaghetti Fundraiser- 12:00

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 participated in the first two work days this spring. We will meet one last time to finish this project on a date closer to the Meet & Greet we are hosting April 21. Stay tuned for more information. 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.

Are you praying for your Ten List?



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 today. 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.

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 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 5:1-5a

Title: “The Promise of a Deliverer”

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson - Trial is this week

High School Seniors - Graduation, Colleges, Future

Family, Friends, and Residents of Lancaster with Passing of Mayor John Howard

Special Election for Mayor

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

Physical needs

Spiritual needs

Sister Churches

Grace Presbyterian- Columbia, SC- Seeking Pastor

Hickory Grove ARP- Hickory Grove, SC- Rev. Boyce Wilson

Please pray for the financial needs of the church. While we are able to meet the present needs of our congregation, we are not able to move forward with our ministry at the present level of giving. This means that we need to both give more and to grow through new members coming into the congregation. We need to secure the financial future of our church and ministry now. Pray though your commitment to the church. Are you giving what the Lord would have you to give? If you are having trouble with consistent giving then consider using the draft. Everyone needs to pray that we will see growth in numbers and in giving so that we might grow our ministry here at First ARP Church.

Pastor's Corner

April 8, 2018

This is the final installment of introductions to the Women's Circles of First ARP Lancaster. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to find a home in one of our circles. You are also reminded to sign up for the Catawba Presbytery Meet and Greet we will host Saturday April 21 from 9:00AM-12:30PM. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other women of God and growing closer to the God we serve. Registration ends April 11 and childcare is provided on request.

In December 1971, a group of young women formed a circle named The Jean Love Circle. It was named after Mrs. Jean Love, wife of Dr. A.B. Love who was minister of the church from 1950-1961. At present we have 15 members. We meet once a month usually on the first Monday at 4:00PM in the church parlor (except June and December when we meet in a member's home for a meal).

Each meeting is opened with prayer and a member highlights an article from the ARP Magazine. Our Bible Study is from the Women's Ministries' approved book. This year we are studying in Genesis about Abraham in a book called *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality: The Gospel According to Abraham* by Iain Duguid. We have a time of prayer for concerns we have shared and matters on our hearts.

Our members lift each other up and encourage one another. We enjoy working together at the church to clean, decorate, cook, help with VBS and numerous other ways when asked. We also support a Pakistani girl, sponsor a child at Christmas, help with food for the Citadel House, give to HOPE and are involved with other community agencies.

Come join us and prepare to be blessed—we always have room for you.

Suzanne Lever
Jean Love Circle President

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 From This Week</u>
<u>Sermon Points</u>	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

April 2018

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 EASTER/ COM- MUNION	2 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	3	4 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	5	6 7:00 youth Break- fast	7 10:30 Women's Work Day
8 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	13 No Youth Break- fast	14
15 4:00 Choraleers Concert 7:00 Session	16 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	17	18 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	19 LifeLine Screening	20 7:00 Youth break- fast	21 9:00 CWM Meet & Greet
22 MISSIONS 12:00 Appalachia Spaghetti Lunch	23 6:30 Trail Life	24	25 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	26	27 7:00 Youth break- fast	28
29 CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE 12:00 Youth Lunch	30					

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