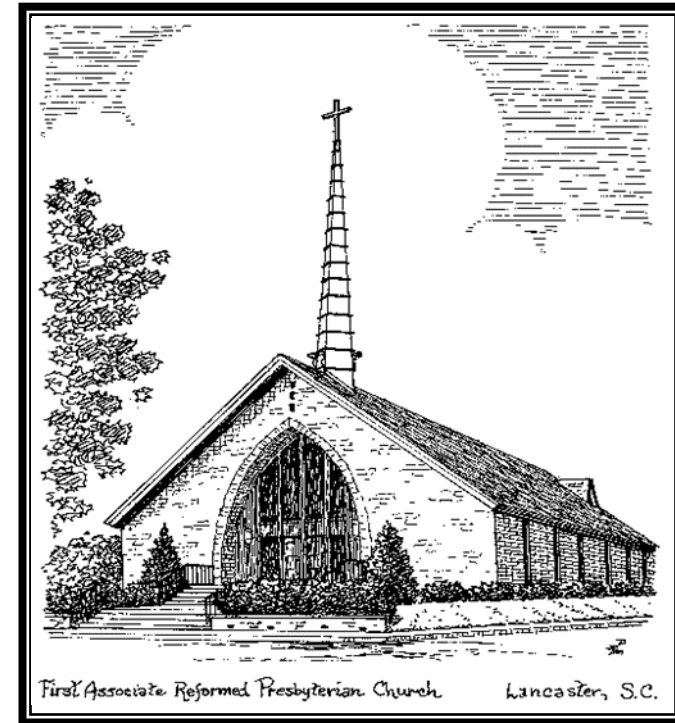


# Volunteers

	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Susan Cauthen	Shannon Mohr
<b>Toddlers</b>	Holly Rivers	Kelly Sims
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Phillip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
<b>(S)</b>	Joe & Debby Hegler	Mike & Susan Cauthen
	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Gardner Sam Prete	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn
<b>Captain</b>	Richard Shields	Debby Hegler
<b>Ushers</b>	Barton Henley Mike Scruggs Johnny Jones	Buddy Lever Philip Pegram David Pokopac

# 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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May 6, 2018

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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

*“Compelled By Love”*

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” *Selah*

### \*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 #529

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ”*

*\*stand as you are able*

# Financials

April 29, 2018	
Attendance	75
General Fund	\$3,618
Total GF contributions this month	\$25,013
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$195
Congregational Care Fund	\$120
Appalachia missions trip	\$135

**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.

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

**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

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Ann Pokopac  
Betty Allen  
Carlyle & Mott Henley  
Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
Chic Whitlock- Morningside  
Clara Nell Robinson  
Erin Tindal  
George Mason  
I. W. Caskey  
Katey Powell  
Marilyn Duve  
Mary Ella Jordan  
Nancy Ogburn  
Pat Carmichael  
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  
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  
Dorothy Reese- Natalie Carmichael's Mother-  
In-Law  
Family of Georgia Caul- Stacy Pokopac's Aunt  
Family of Richard Harms  
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  
Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-  
ley's Parents  
Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

## **Prayer of Confession**

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. *Amen.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

## **\*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

*“The Loving God Who Made Us All”*

## **\*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**

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.

The Apostles Creed

\*\*universal

MEANS OF GRACE

**\*Psalm**

*“Loud Shouts Of Joy”*

Blue ARP Psalter #118C

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Matthew 10:34-42

Pew Bible page 815

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Micah 7:1-7

Pew Bible page 779

**Sermon**

“Trust In the Lord”

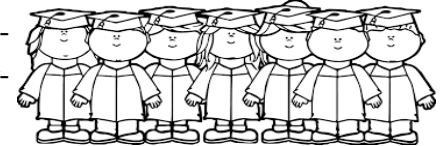
**Prayer of Application**

**LUNCH BUNCH** Enjoy food and fellowship as we meet Tuesday, May 8 at 11:30 at Seagull’s Grill. Please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office if you plan to attend.



**VBS** This year we will hold VBS Sunday, June 17- Thursday, June 21. If you are interested in helping with this year’s program , please contact Ethan McConnell. A signup sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Share the news with neighbors and friends so they can save the date. Registration for children will be open soon.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** May 27 We will recognize our graduates as well as our younger children moving up to new classrooms.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1981, the Catawba Women’s Society asked my sister, Nancy McConnell, to create something that would represent all the churches in the Catawba Presbytery. She came up with the idea of a church quilt.

She sent each church a square of white material and asked the women of the church to paint, embroider or cross stitch their church. Suzanne Lever cross stitched our church and Nancy cross stitched the large middle square of the Old Brick Church. After receiving all the squares, the quilt was assembled by the Mennonites near Due West, SC.

This quilt is kept at Bonclarken in Synodical Hall and can be displayed during special events throughout the Presbytery. Thanks to Katey Powell for bringing to quilt to Lancaster for the Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet event a few weeks ago. Please visit this quilt located in our Fellowship Hall before it is returned to Synodical Hall.

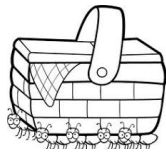
Betsy Rushing

# 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.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** This is the final week before we take a break for the summer. Join us for Wednesday night supper followed by a time of fellowship for all ages. Supper is served at 5:45. 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.



**CHURCH PICNIC** We will have our annual church picnic Sunday, May 20. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall followed by a covered dish meal. There will be no Coffee Fellowship or Sunday School classes. Casual dress is encouraged.

**MEETING TIME CHANGES** Alison Erskine Circle will meet today at 5:30PM. Deacons will meet today at 7PM. Session will meet Sunday, May 20 at 9:15AM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 8 Lunch Bunch
- May 9 Wednesday Family Night
- May 20 Church Picnic
- May 27 Graduation Sunday
- May 28 Office Closed
- Jun 17-21 VBS

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

### \*Hymn

Red Trinity Hymnal #521

*“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”*

### \*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.

*“Benediction”*

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## 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.

### \*The Greeting of the Congregation

### Taking the Gospel To the World

Psalm 121:7-8

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 7:1-7

Title: "Trust In the Lord"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Andrew Brunson**

Do not grow weary in praying for our brother in prison.

## **Civil Government**

Federal, State, and Local

First Responders

Government Workers

Teachers and Schools

## **Ministry of the Word**

Hearts and minds opened by the Holy Spirit

Know God and not just about God

See and repent of sins

Know and trust in the pardon of Christ

Grow in Christ through the Word

## **The Lost**

Hear the Gospel and Believe

We would love and engage the Lost

The Ten List Program

## **Programs of the Church**

Help us grow in Christ

Teach the Word

Prayer and Fellowship

Encourage and uphold each other

## **Afflictions**

Physically injured and ill

Financial troubles

Mental and emotional troubles

Spiritual needs

## **Sister Churches**

Lemira Presbyterian- Sumter, SC

Living Waters- Lake Wylie, SC

# Pastor's Corner

May 6, 2018

A recent study indicated that a large percentage of adults either never read or rarely read a book after they finished their formal education. I hope this is not you. Reading is a blessing that we need to take advantage of in our lives. The great men and women of the world have almost always been readers. Dr. Frank Kik, my former practical theology professor, used to say, "When you stop reading, you stop learning." He is correct.

As Christians we have both a blessing and a curse in this day and age. The blessing is that almost all of us can read and we have access to affordable, quality books. The curse is that we are so busy it is hard to find time and motivation to do it. This is also a time where there are a lot of junk Christian books floating around.

Summer is when many find more time to read. I want to encourage you to pick up and read a good, solid Christian book this summer in addition to your daily Bible readings. These books help us know our God better and grow closer to him. We do not need self-help books, but we do need books that help us to better know Jesus Christ and to be his people on earth. Here are a few recommendations:

- \*Rosario Butterfield: *Secret Thoughts Of an Unlikely Convert, Openness Unhindered, The Gospel Comes With a House Key*
- \* J.I. Packer: *Knowing God, Keeping In Step With the Spirit, Quest For Godliness*
- \* Sinclair Ferguson: *The Whole Christ, Devoted To Christ, Children Of the Living God*
- \* J.C. Ryle: *Old Paths, Practical Religion, The Upper Room, Notes On Gospels*
- \* John Bunyan: *Pilgrims Progress* (New Banner of Truth Ed.)

Places you can trust to get solid Christian books:

- \* [www.gracebooksonline.com](http://www.gracebooksonline.com)
- \* [www.heritagebooks.org](http://www.heritagebooks.org)
- \* [www.cvvbs.com](http://www.cvvbs.com)
- \* The book table near the church office

If you would like additional recommendations, contact me and I will be glad to help you.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims  
Pastor

# 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 Today's Service</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>

# May 2018

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

29	<b>30</b> 4:00 JL Circle	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 Youth Break- fast	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 5:30 AE Circle 6:00 Youth group 7:00 Diaconate	<b>7</b> 1:30 JRP Circle	<b>8</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>9</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 Youth break- fast	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:15 Session 11:00 Church Picnic	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 MISSIONS</b> Graduation Sunday 12:00 Youth Lunch	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 Choir	<b>31</b>		

## ANNIVERSARIES

19- Daniel & Miranda Bohler  
22- Richard & Lorri Crawford

## BIRTHDAYS

3- Emily Prete  
9- Mia Estrada  
12 Kendall Roach  
18- Jennifer Jaillette  
25- Richard Gardner  
26- Corinne Brackett  
28- Richard Crawford  
30- Chris Peterson  
31- Jon Dix

## NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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