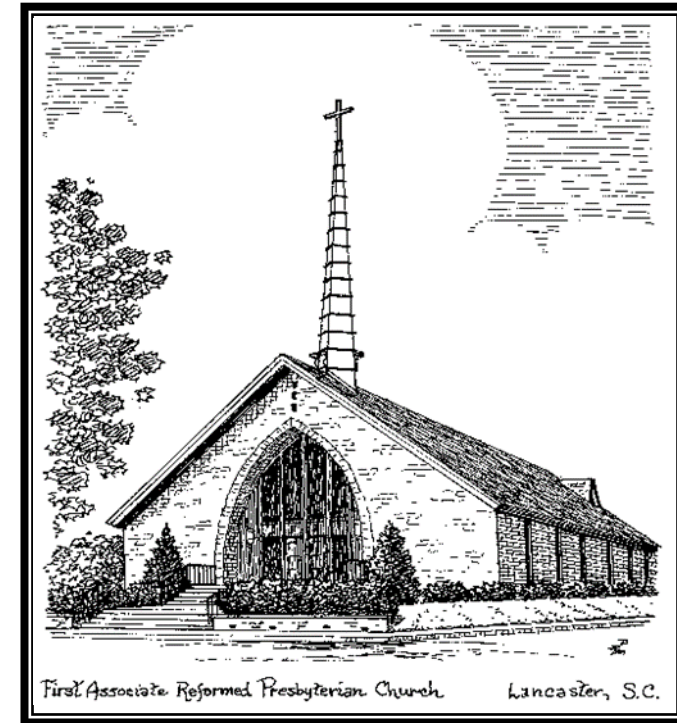


# Volunteers

	<b>May 27</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
<b>Toddlers</b>	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Mike & Pat Scruggs	Sarah Baer/ Buddy Lever
<b>(S)</b>	Chuck & Sonja Coale	Tom & Martha Morgan
	<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

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

May 27, 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

*“Canon Of Praise”*

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 68:3-5

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

### **\*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 #598

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

\*stand as you are able

# Financials

<b>May 20, 2018</b>	
Attendance	95
General Fund	\$3496
Total GF contributions this month	\$11,890
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$19,214
Missions Fund	\$40
Congregational Care Fund	\$10

**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.



**DIRECTORY PHOTOS** Thank you to those of you who came to the church to have your picture taken for our photo directory. Special thanks go to Aaron Morrison for volunteering his time and talents. However, approximately half our congregation has not participated in this project. The photo directories will be available at our Fall Kickoff meal Sunday, August 19, so I am extending an opportunity to those who wish to have a picture included in the directory. Email me a photo at [onahill@comporium.net](mailto:onahill@comporium.net) by Friday June 1, and I will include it in the completed product. Contact Stacy Pokopac if you have any questions.

# 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  
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

## Praise

Gwen Furse- Improved Health

## **Prayer of Confession**

Our Father in heaven who loves with a perfect love, forgive us our failure to love as You love. We do not love our family and friends as we should. We do not love our neighbor as we should. We do not love ourselves as we should, and we do not love You as we should. Forgive us our lack of love, for this is our sin. Help us to walk in the path of Christ, loving all, even those that are unlovable. By Your power and in Your strength we ask! *Amen.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

## **\*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**

*"Seek the Lord"*

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.

**\*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.

MEANS OF GRACE

**\*Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #67

*“O God, Give Us your Blessing”*

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 998

Titus 3

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page 781

Micah 7:18- 20

**Sermon**

*“Ending On a High Note”*

**Prayer of Application**

\*\* universal



**VBS** This year we will hold VBS **Monday, June 18- Thursday, June**

**21.** If you are interested in helping with this year’s program, please sign up on the bulletin board in front of the church office or contact Ethan McConnell By Wednesday, June 6. All volunteers will meet at the front of the Sanctuary next

Sunday after the Worship Service . Registration for children and youth is now open. There will be classes for age 3- grade 8. Dinner is served at 5:30 and classes run from 6-8PM. Share the news with neighbors and friends. Use this QR code to pre-register or visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/powerlabvbs> until Sunday, June 17.

**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



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 28 Office Closed
- Jun 3 Graduation Sunday
- Jun 5-7 Synod
- June 8 VBS Prep 12-5PM
- June 8 Yard Sale setup/ Game Night 5-9PM
- Jun 17 Jordan Bernard’s Ordination Service (York ARP)
- Jun 18-21 VBS 5:30-8PM
- Jun 10 Dinner and Psalm Singing 6PM
- Jun 30 - Jul 6 Appalachia Missions Trip
- Jul 22 Dinner with Ice Cream Competition (Tentative)
- Aug 19 Fall Ministry Kick Off
- Aug 22 Wednesday Night Kick Off

# Announcements



**VISITORS** Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. Envelopes for tithes and special offerings are available at the front and rear entrances.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** Next Sunday we will recognize our graduates as well as our younger children moving up to new classrooms.



**VBS PREPARATION** Friday, June 8 all members of the church are invited to a drop in day to help prepare for VBS. Susan Prete will be in the Fellowship Hall from 12- 5PM to paint backdrops for VBS and other decorating elements. Come all day or just when your schedule allows. Your assistance is welcome and appreciated.

**GAME NIGHT** On Friday, June 8 at 5PM all church members are invited to bring their favorite snack and join the youth going on the Appalachia mission trip as they organize the donations for Saturday's yard sale. After many hands make light work of this task, the group will enjoy an evening of games, food, and fellowship. Sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, June 3. Contact Ethan McConnell with questions.



**YARD SALE** There will be a yard sale at the church Saturday, June 9 from 7AM- 12PM to raise funds for the Appalachia mission trip. Donations are being collected in room 8 on the red hallway. Contact Susan Prete with questions or to offer assistance.

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

### \*Hymn

Red Trinity Hymnal #179

*"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"*

### \*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.

## 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"*

*Words and Music by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty*

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### \*The Greeting of the Congregation

### Taking the Gospel To the World

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Micah 7:18- 20

Title: “Ending On a High Note”

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Andrew Brunson**

Pray for his health, protection, emotional strength, and ultimately his release. Also pray for his family.

## **General Synod**

Pray for the meeting of our highest court. We will be hearing reports from our ministries and approving recommendations. Pray for wisdom and blessing on our church.

## **Civil Government**

Pray for all our leaders and upcoming primary and local elections.

## **Emergency Services**

Pray for our EMS, Fire, Police and others of serve us.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Pray for our outreach, teaching, safety, and attendance.

## **The Lost**

Pray that the would be converted and follow Christ.

## **Holiness**

Pray that Christians would forsake sin and live in holiness.

## **Sister Churches**

Mayesville Presbyterian- Mayesville, SC

Neely's Creek ARP- Rock Hill, SC

# Pastor's Corner

May 27, 2018

Rosaria Butterfield has a truly amazing story. She was a non-Christian and a lesbian who taught Women's Studies at Syracuse University and was writing a book that was critical of the Religious right. Today, she is a Christian, married to a pastor, a mother, and author of three Christian books. What happened? How did God bring her from one place to another? God used the Christian Hospitality of a pastor and his family.

In her latest book, *"The Gospel Comes With A House Key"*, she addresses the issue of Christian Hospitality in a fresh way. I have almost finished this book. She has challenged my thinking about how to connect and show love to people both in the church and from the community. We need to open up our lives and share them with people. It is exciting to see the possibilities, but also scary because it means sharing your precious resources time, money, emotions, personal space all for the sake of the Christ and the Gospel.

Rosaria is an excellent writer, weaving in story narrative with support for her idea of why we as Christians need to practice true hospitality. This has been a hard book that would challenge most Christians in how we use our home and engage our neighbors for Christ.

This Summer I would encourage you to read this book. We can do a group order for anyone who would like to get a copy. If you are interested, please sign up on sheet outside the office. You can also call/text/email Stacy Pokopac at the office and she will sign you up. If enough people read this book we may be able to have a de-briefing discussion in late Summer. So do sign up!

Please consider doing this! As we go forward we need to constantly be looking and examining how to reach out with the Good News of Jesus. I think Rosaria does a great job challenging us in many areas where change is needed.

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>

# June 2018

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<b>27</b> 12:00 Choir 12:00 Faith Builders/ Youth Lunch	<b>28</b> 	<b>29 Banner of Truth</b>	<b>30 Banner of Truth</b>	<b>31 Banner of Truth</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3 COMMUNION</b> Graduation Sunday 12:00 Choir 2:00 Graduate Reception 6:00 Youth group	<b>4 Synod</b> 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	<b>5 Synod</b>	<b>6 Synod</b>	<b>7 Synod</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 VBS prep 5:00 Yard Sale prep/ Game Night	<b>9</b> 7:00 Appalachia Yard Sale
<b>10</b> 12:00 Choir 5:00 AE Circle 6:00 Dinner and Psalm Sing 7:30 Diaconate	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 12:00 Choir TBA Session	<b>18</b> 5:30 VBS	<b>19</b> 5:30 VBS	<b>20</b> 5:30 VBS	<b>21</b> 5:30 VBS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 MISSIONS</b> 12:00 Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 Appalachia</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES

3- Conner & Erin Tindal  
 10- Keith & Jennifer Jaillette  
 17- Phil & Sarah Baer  
 18- Buddy & Suzanne Lever  
 22- Kyle & Kelly sims  
 25- Frank & Corinne Brackett  
 25- Benny & Geri Brazell  
 26- Mike & Susan Cauthen

## BIRTHDAYS

4- Sheryl Huey  
 9- Sonja Coale  
 9- Madalyn Pegram  
 10- Carole Sargeant  
 11- Richard Shields  
 12- Pat McEachern  
 13- Will Jones  
 14- Mike Scruggs  
 19- Steve Willis  
 21- Peter Sims  
 27- Stacey Pegram  
 28- Katelyn Prete

## NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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