

Volunteers

Nursery	May 7 Kimberly Hefner	May 14 Susan Cauthen
Toddlers	Kimberly Hefner	Miranda Bohler
Greeters (F)	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever
(S)	Mike & Susan Cauthen	Richards Shields/ Marilyn Duve
Elders	May Butch Ghent David Pokopac	June Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn
Captain	Keith Jaillette	Lathan Rivers
Co Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Ushers	Benny Brazell Sal Estrada	Johnny Jones Will Jones

Staff and Officers

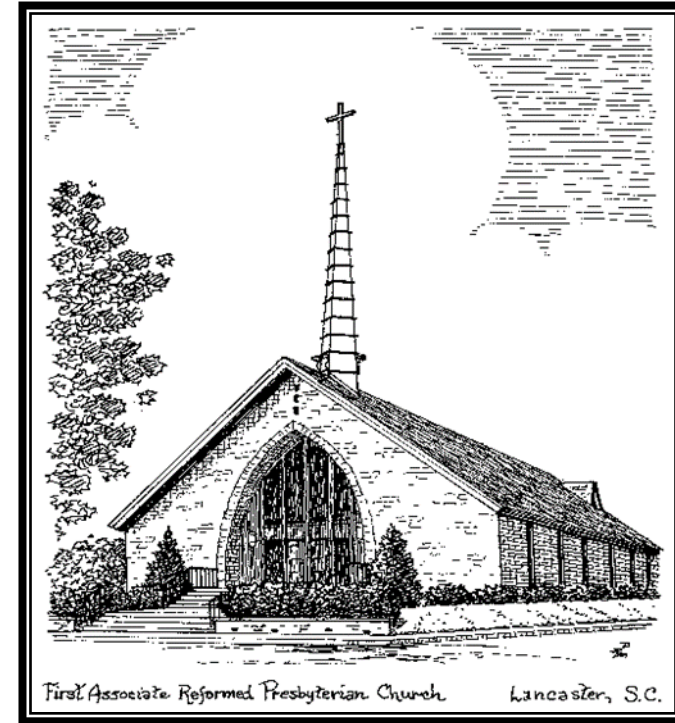
Staff	Elders	Deacons
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Intern/Youth- Mr. Jordan Bernard	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Frank Brackett (2019)	Debby Hegler (2019)
	Buddy Lever (2019)	Dave Mohr (2019)

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Organist
Dr. Kyle E. Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 81:1-2

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #26

“Shout To the Lord”

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***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.

**congregation stands*

Financials

April 30, 2017	
Attendance	96
General Fund	\$5,111
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$20,332
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$40
Congregational Care Fund	\$167



SUNDAY MORNING

FELLOWSHIP Please join us in the Fellowship Hall Sundays at 9:30AM for coffee and fellowship. Sunday School starts at 10:00AM.

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.

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, May 7

9:15 Officer’s Meeting
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
5:30 Youth

Monday, May 8

6:30 Trail Life

Tuesday, May 9

11:30 Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 10

5:55 Supper
6:30 Classes
7:30 Choir

Friday, May 12

7:00 Youth Breakfast

Pastor's Corner

May 7, 2017

There are many ways to determine what is important to you. Look at the resources you spend on something. If you spend your time, energy, money, and effort on something, it is important to you. If you do not spend these things, it is not important. A parent can say a child is important, but if they do not spend time with that child or provide for that child, their actions say otherwise.

There are many who say that God and the church are important, yet when you look at their commitment to the church, it is lacking. Ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is Church a priority?
2. Is giving my tithe a priority?
3. Does my checking account reflect that Jesus is important to me?
4. Does my calendar reflect that Jesus is important to me?

There are a couple of dangers to which we need to pay attention:

1. Do you miss church more often than you go?
2. Do you give based on what you're being paid or from whatever is left?
3. Do you block out Sunday from worldly plans?

The thing to see here is not that you have a duty to be at church. You know you have a duty. The real thing that worries us pastors is why do you not want to be here. If what we preach is true (and it is), we need to have a desire to be with God and His people. This should be our joy.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

*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.

*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.

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Red Trinity Hymnal #460

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

"Come Down 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.

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #107J

“Some Rivers He Changes”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Blessed Jesus, Savior, Shepherd”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 949

Romans 15:8-21

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“A Far Reaching Hope”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #521

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, May 11, 2017 - John 19:17-19

Jesus is forced to carry His own cross and is taken to the place of the Skull called Golgotha. He is crucified between two others, one on either side. Even in this place of misery and death God still acknowledges Him as King. Pilate puts above him a sign that reads, “King of the Jews”. There is an old hymn that says, “O that my God would die for me!” Jesus came and died for you even though He was a king. By His death and resurrection He set us free. We are now able to know and live for God through Christ’s work for us.

Friday, May 12, 2017 - John 19:20-22

The Jews are embarrassed by the sign which was written in all the major languages. It declared Jesus to be the King of the Jews. Maybe Pilate wanted to report back to Rome or have reports get back to Rome that he had crucified the so-called King of the Jews. This would have made Caesar happy with him. It could also be that he did it to annoy the Jews. Either way, it continues to honor Christ who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. All men serve the Lord and His purposes, no matter what there motivation is.

Saturday, May 13 - John 19:23-24

To give us even more proof, we see the Scriptures of the Old Testament being fulfilled in the account of Jesus’ passion and crucifixion. Here John points out one of these fulfillments from Psalm 22:18. The tunic was one piece and woven. The soldiers cast lots for it because they would have destroyed it trying to cut it into four parts. The Old Testament is full of prophecies fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Read Isaiah 53-55 and see who the Christ was suppose to be when He came. If you read it, you will see that it is speaking of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Devotions

Monday, May 8, 2017 - John 19:1-4

It is interesting to point out that Jesus is acknowledged for who He is and at the same time declared not guilty by the Roman governor. It is indeed a true statement that Jesus is the King of the Jews and that He also is sinless. Pilate knows that Jesus is not guilty, yet he does not set Him free. Jesus is mocked with a crown of thorns and a purple robe of royalty. This has to be humiliating for Jesus. We have often been humiliated by a slight offense, yet here is the all powerful God taking abuse because He knows it is the only way for us to be saved. He withheld His power to destroy His enemy so that He might destroy our great enemy of sin and death.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - John 19:5-11

Pilate tells the Jews to go and crucify Jesus themselves. He reiterates that he finds no guilt in the man. The Jews go further and say that He has made himself into the Son of God. Pilate asks him who He is. Jesus has numerous chances to declare who He is and have Pilate release him, yet it is His plan to go to the cross. This passage shows that the cross could have been avoided. Christ was not truly captured and killed against His will. In fact, it was His will to go to the cross for His people.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - John 19:12-16

The Jews put Pilate in a position where he cannot do anything more. They cry out that Jesus declares Himself a king. They cry out that He is opposed to Caesar. Pilate brings Jesus forth again and says, "This is your king." The chief priests answered that they had no king but Caesar! So Jesus is lead to be crucified. Here we see the great sin of the Jewish leaders. Their real king is before them and they choose the king of Rome who they hate over the real King, Jesus.

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song Supplement #1 verse 1

"Benediction"

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Acts 13:47

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 15:8-21

Title: "A Far Reaching Hope"

Prayer Emphasis

Pray for the Community of the Church

Have one heart and one mind in Christ

Care for each other

Work together

See our common history and salvation

Pray for Andrew Brunson

Strength

Protection

Freedom

Pray for our Youth

Safety

Gospel

Hope

Future

Pray for Children

Learn Bible

Learn Catechism

Learn to Worship

They would come to have Faith in Christ

Pray for the Brighton ARP Church in Tennessee

Pastor Tim Phillips

Small town

Youth Group outreach

Sister Churches

King's Parish ARP- Dallas, TX

Lemira Presbyterian- Sumter, SC

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart
 I. W. Caskey
 James Caskey
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn- Back Issues
 Pat McEachern
 Sally Lloyd
 Sheryl Huey
 Tom Strickland

Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek
 Ian Wise-Pageland
 Matt Awtrey-Exploratory Work in Irmo
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage
 Shay & William Belk

Missionaries

Mark & Natalie Witte-Spain
 Phil & Sarah Baer-Wycliffe
 Rebekah Carson-Germany

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Anne Nims
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece- Cancer
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom
 Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX- Cancer
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church-
 Cancer
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother
 John Boykin- Scruggs' Friend- Cancer
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's
 Nephew- Seizures
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom
 Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother- Recovery
 From Surgery
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend-
 Cancer
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law

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>Hymns and Music</u></p>	<p><u>Scripture and Sermon</u></p>
<p><u>Prayers</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

Announcements



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- **LUNCH BUNCH** We will meet at again at 11:30 Tuesday, May 9 at Seagulls.
- **CHURCH PICNIC** We will have our church picnic following the Worship service Sunday, May 21. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Fried chicken and tea will be provided.
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY** We will recognize our graduates Sunday, May 28 during the Worship service.
- **VBS** June 11-15 from 5:30-8:15. See the announcement on the opposite page for details.

OOPS! If you have picked up a May calendar from the side entrance table, 26-Corinne Brackett is missing from the birthday list.

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MAY EVENT



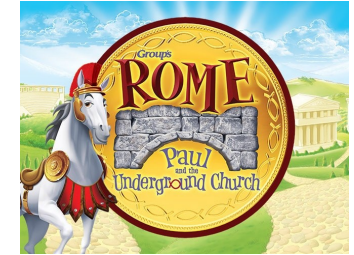
We will have a Women's Ministries Event open to all ladies of the church Wednesday, May 17 starting at 6PM. Bring a plant to swap and a finger food to share. We will have a White Elephant Auction and enjoy at time of fellowship. Child care and transportation are available upon request. Please see the flyer and signup sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Katey Powell with any questions. We hope to see you there.



LAST WEEK FOR WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT We will take a break from this program for the summer following our May 10 meeting. Join us for Supper at 5:55 followed by classes at 6:30. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. **Please sign up or contact the church office by the Tuesday prior if you plan to eat.**



GRADUATE CELEBRATION The parents of Tyresse McCree, Nehemiah McGriff and Elizabeth Sims invite you to celebrate their 2017 graduates May 27. Please see the bulletin board for details. RSVP is not required but is appreciated. See Kelly Sims with any questions.



VBS 2017 This year's VBS will be Sunday, June 11 through Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-8:15PM. Plan to bring your children as we join Paul and learn about the underground church in Rome. Dinner, Bible stories, crafts, and games will be included. Spread the word to family and friends. Online registration is available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/firststarplancaster> or click on the link on our church website at firststarplancaster.org. There is also a volunteer signup on the bulletin board. **We need adults to monitor and assist the youth volunteers.** Pick your slot before your favorite is taken.

HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following:

- *Spaghetti Sauce
- *Canned Potatoes
- *Grits *Cereal
- *Juice *Jiffy Mix
- *Instant Potatoes
- *Canned Tomatoes

