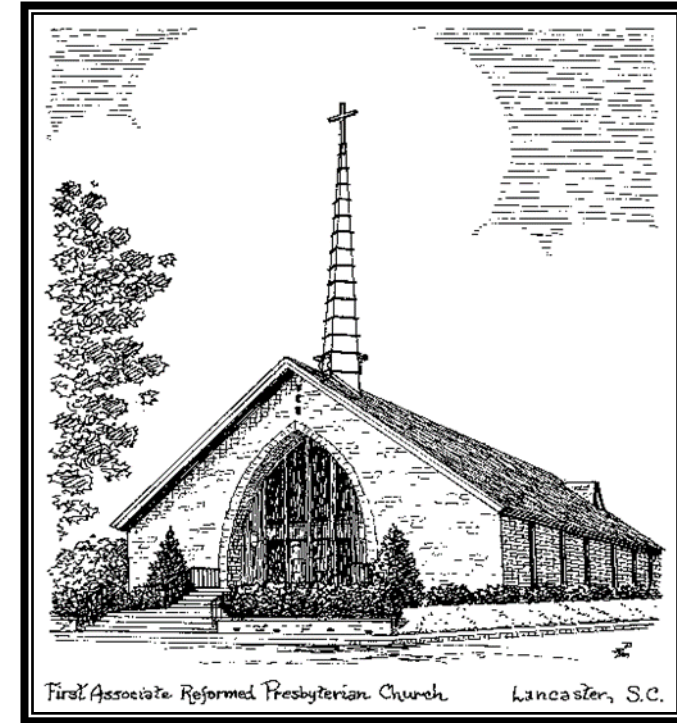


Volunteers

	May 14	May 21
Nursery	Susan Cauthen	Shannon Mohr
Toddlers	Miranda Bohler	Holly Rivers
Greeters (F)	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever	Tom & Betty Arant
(S)	Richards Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Benny & Geri Brazell
	May	June
Elders	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Keith Jaillette	Lathan Rivers
Co Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Ushers	Benny Brazell	Johnny Jones
	Sal Estrada	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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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Organist
 Dr. Kyle E. Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 86:12-13

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.
 For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

***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

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.

May 7, 2017		
Attendance		83
General Fund		\$4,262
Total GF Contributions This Month		\$4,262
Average Monthly Budget Requirement		\$18,126
Congregational Care Fund		\$45
Missions Fund		\$150
Memorial Fund		\$25
General Fund	April	YTD
Contributions	\$26,161	\$87,638
Expenditures	\$21,705	\$86,996
Difference	\$4,456	\$642
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$459	\$2,087
Expenditures	\$0	\$6,561
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$177	\$474
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$125	\$175
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Month end balance	\$2,098	

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 14

9:15 Officer's Meeting
 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Morning Worship
 5:30 Youth
 7:00 Diaconate

Wednesday, May 17

6:00 WM Plant Swap
 7:30 Choir

Friday, May 19

7:00 Youth Breakfast



Women's Ministries

MAY event

May 17th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a plant and your favorite finger food to the church for a

PLANT SWAP!

Enjoy fellowship, food, and a devotion during our white elephant auction! Drinks will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by Monday, May 15.

Your plant can be a seedling, store bought, or dug up from your garden!

- Childcare provided on request.
- Transportation provided on request.

*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.

*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

Red Trinity Hymnal #131

"Children Of the Heavenly Father"

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

Children's Choir

"Joy In My Heart"

***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 #118C

“Loud Shouts Of Joy”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“The Gift Of Love”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 949

Romans 15:14-21

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“Paul’s Gospel Ministry”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #345

“Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, May 18, 2017 - John 19:31-37 (again)

Another thing we see in this passage is that Jesus was truly dead. There are many who want to argue that He was in some type of coma, yet the Romans saw He was dead and did not break His legs. They also pierced His side. Ryle says the description of this means they probably punctured His heart. Jesus was dead. He truly conquered sin and death by dying a real death to pay the price of our sins. He then come back from the grave in the resurrection three days later.

Friday, May 19, 2017 - John 19:38-42

It is interesting to see that someone has the strength to go up and ask for the body of Jesus. Christ is someone you would probably not want to be associated with if you were in Jerusalem at this time. He had been crucified as a possible enemy of the state. Here we see Joseph of Arimathea. He was a disciple and is only mentioned here. We also see that Nicodemus, who had earlier come by night, now comes by day. Though the twelve had deserted him, these two care for the body of the Lord and place it in the tomb. God had raised up two to come and care for the body of the Lord.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - John 20:1-2

We know more about this account from the other gospels (Luke 23-24). We know that Jesus appeared to the women and then to the disciples. This shows that Jesus counts women as important parts of the church, just as He had counted children as important. Though we each have different roles, all are important and all are saved by the risen Christ.

Devotions

Monday, May 15, 2017 - John 19:25-27

There are a lot of misunderstandings concerning the mother of Jesus. There are some who want to make her the fourth person of the Trinity. There are others who would make her another way to go between God and man. Here we see clearly that she was neither of these. She was a blessed woman to be the mother of our Lord. However, as Jesus is dying He makes provisions for His mother to be cared for by one of the disciples. “She needed the care and protection of another, thus she could not be divine or a mediator between God and man.”, says JC Ryle.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - John 19:28-30

“It is finished.” These are some of the most powerful words of Jesus on the Cross. These are the last words He spoke before He died. What was finished? We are not sure, and it could be any of several things that were finished by Jesus at this point. His work was finished. The payment of sin was finished. What is clear is that Christ did finish the work of salvation. Salvation is all in Christ and there is nothing we can add to it or have to do to make it so. It is finished.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - John 19:31-37

Crucifixion is a horrible, slow death. The victim cannot breath and must push up on their legs to breathe. The Jews did not want the crosses up on the holy day, so they asked the Romans to break their legs so they would die faster. But when they came to Jesus he was already dead. We see the fulfilled scriptures. John is constantly pointing out where the scriptures are fulfilled by Christ. His death is no different.

***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

Romans 13:7

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 15:14-21

Title: "Paul's Gospel Ministry"

Prayer Emphasis

Discipleship

Each of us would be true disciples of Jesus

Any rote obedience would be replaced with heart felt love for Christ

We would seek to know Christ through the Word, prayer, and the church

We would encourage and challenge each other to follow Christ more and more

Mothers

Thank God for Mothers and other Women God has used in our lives

Pray for our mothers, grandmothers, and all women who God has blessed us with in our lives

Graduates:

Tyreese McCree - High School

Nehemiah McGriff - High School

Elizabeth Sims - High School

Will Jaillette - University of South Carolina

Becky Anderson - Wingate - Pharmacy

Government

The Lost

Our Holiness (obedience to Christ)

Our Ministries

The Afflicted

Each other

Sister Churches

Living Water's ARP- Lake Wylie, SC

Mayesville Presbyterian- Mayesville, 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
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom-
 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
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law- Cancer

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



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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MAY EVENT We will have a Women's Ministries Event open to all ladies of the church and friends 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 sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Katey Powell with any questions. We hope to see you there.



CHURCH PICNIC We will have our church picnic following the Worship service next Sunday, May 21. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Fried chicken and tea will be provided. Casual dress is encouraged.

APPALACHIA TEAM MEETING There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all youth attending Appalachia immediately following the church picnic Sunday, May 21. The bus will leave at 1:15 to travel to Rock Hill ARP.



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



GRADUATE CELEBRATION The parents of Tyresse McCree, Nehemiah McGriff and Elizabeth Sims invite you to celebrate their 2017 graduates May 27 from 5-8PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and dessert will be served. RSVP to Kelly Sims is appreciated but not required.

PROMOTION SUNDAY We will recognize our graduates Sunday, May 28 during the Worship service.



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



Are you praying for your Ten List?

Packets are available in the church office.