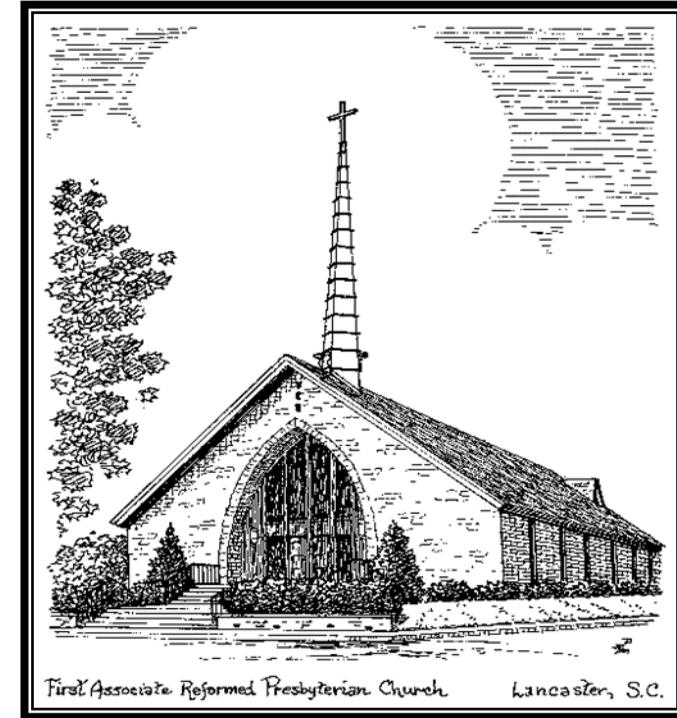


# Volunteers

	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 18</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Susan Prete	Grace Kelso
<b>Toddlers</b>	Dell Ghent	Kimberly Hefner
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Butch & Dell Ghent	Richard & Patricia Gardner
<b>(S)</b>	Phillip & Stacey Pegram	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn
	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
<b>Captain</b>	Lathan Rivers	David Mohr
<b>Co Captain</b>	Sam Prete	Debby Hegler
<b>Ushers</b>	Johnny Jones Will Jones	Joe Hegler Matthew Rivers



# Staff and Officers

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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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June 11, 2017

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Organist

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Jordan Bernard

## ENTERING WORSHIP

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

Psalm 92:4-5

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.  
How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

### **\*Hymn**

Song Supplement #21

*“Sanctuary”*

*John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs  
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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

June 4, 2017	
This information will be available June 18	

**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?**

Packets are available in the church office.

## This Week’s Schedule

### **Sunday, June 11**

9:15 Officer Meeting  
9:30 Coffee fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:15 Choir Practice  
5:30 VBS

### **Monday, June 12**

5:30 VBS

### **Tuesday, June 13**

11:30 Lunch Bunch  
5:30 VBS

### **Wednesday, June 14**

5:30 VBS

### **Thursday, June 15**

5:30 VBS

# Pastor's Corner

June 11, 2017

Starting this evening, we will begin our Vacation Bible School. The question can be asked, "Why do we do VBS?" Do we do it every summer because it is something that we have always done? If we view VBS as a place where we can drop off our kids for a week, we are truly missing a great outreach opportunity. Vacation Bible School is designed to share the Gospel and to help kids that have come to faith continue to grow. I encourage everyone to come out this week as we take time to teach children more about Christ. Think about friends or family with children. Think about those on your Ten List. Are there kids in your life or your child's life that would spiritually benefit from VBS?

Our theme this year is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. We will be going back to Roman times when being a Christian was not considered a good thing by the world. We will be following along with Paul, who has been put in jail for his faith, and learning life-changing lessons from his writings. Each day, we will learn more and more about God's love. We will see how God's love is a gift, how it changes us, how it is always with us, how it saves us, and how it is worth sharing. There will be time for crafts, games and recreation, Bible, and music each evening. We will also have a meal provided for those who attend, so invite as many as you can!

I ask you to evaluate the importance of Vacation Bible School in your child's life and in other children's lives. It is not just "something we do". It is a great ministry Christ can use to reach children and even adults. If you want to help and have not signed up, please come and we will find a spot for you. We can never have too many helping hands. This is a great opportunity for all of us to reach out and show Christ's love to the youth in our lives and in our community. Come tonight, and let's see how God can use our Vacation Bible School for His glory and for His kingdom.

In Him,  
Jordan Bernard

## \*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

*"Praise To the Lord, the Almighty"*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Choral Offertory

*"Comfort the People"*

The Apostle's Creed

Red Trinity Hymnal #53

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 #39B

*“And Now, O Lord”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“O Worship the King”*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

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Psalm 32

**Sermon**

Mr. Jordan Bernard

*“#Blessed”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #503

*“Out Of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, June 15th, 2017 - Matthew 6:6b

Unlike the reward of public praise that the Pharisees sought, we gain so much more when we come to God when we are alone. We gain peace, no matter what is going on in our lives, for we have a Heavenly Father who hears our prayers. We find contentment in knowing that we can confess our worst sins, and He still loves us and cares about us. If you think about a time you poured out your heart to someone, did you not feel better after doing it? It is the same when we pray to God. We can get it all off our chest with Him, and we know that He listens and sustains us through everything. Prayer is a joy in itself, and we often forsake it.

What is going on in your life right now that is troublesome? Think about prayer, and how praying can give you peace.

Friday, June 16th, 2017 - Matthew 6:7

The Gentiles prayed the same thing over and over in a mechanical fashion, hoping that this prayer would be answered. However, their hearts were not in it, just like the Pharisees. Our prayers need to be pointed and genuine, not just saying certain things because they sound good.

You may set out a time to pray, and you may do it a lot, but are your prayers genuine? Do they truly come from your heart, or is it a prayer that just checks off a box or something you think sounds good? Be thoughtful in your prayers. Search your heart to find the nitty gritty things that you should be praying for, not just a flowery, feel good prayer.

Saturday, June 17th, 2017- Matthew 6:8

Jesus reminds us that we have a God who knows exactly what we need before we even ask Him. Does this mean that prayer is pointless? By all means, no! This reminds us that God cares for us and provides for what we need, not necessarily what we want. Prayer gives us assurance and hope in a God who loves us and cares for us. We can find peace in knowing that God looks out for His children, and we can be comforted that He is working all things together for our good.

Do you find comfort in prayer? Do you understand that God cares for you and He will sustain you because He knows your every need?

# Devotions

Monday, June 12th, 2017 - Matthew 6:5a

Is there a wrong way to pray? Jesus tells us that there is, and those that pray like that are hypocrites. He is pointing right at the Pharisees, who are wearing hypocritical masks. They were supposed to lead God's people not just by their actions but with their hearts, however, they had long forgotten the reason for the Law. They had become legalists, forgetting to love the people. In the same manner, they prayed because that was what the prominent leader was supposed to do, but they didn't thoughtfully come before God with their prayers and their prayers were without heart.

Do you pray because you have to even though your heart is not in it, or do you truly seek to commune with the Heavenly Father?

Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 - Matthew 6:5b

Jesus explains that these hypocrites pray for show. They get up in front of crowds and pray so eloquently in order that others would see them and praise them for it. They were going it about it in a wrong and sinful way. They received the reward they wanted, the praise of others, but they ignored the enjoyment of conversing with God. You can have prayers that would wow any crowd, but if your heart is not in it, you gain nothing lasting from it.

What is your motivation for prayer, and how can putting your heart in your prayers help you grow in Christ?

Wednesday, June 14th, 2017- Matthew 6:6a

In contrast, Jesus says we should go into a secluded room and pray to God by ourselves. He is not shunning public prayer, but He is telling us that when we are alone we can focus more exclusively on God. We can let our hair down (so to speak), and come before the Lord with all our problems. We can confess our sins, seek repentance, and say things we would never want to say in public. It is in this one-on-one time that we can come before the throne of God and be honest with Him. We can tell Him our needs and our struggles, and we can pour out our hearts in a way that we may not be able to do in public.

Do you set aside time each day to be alone with God? Even if you are busy, when can you make time?

## \*Benediction

### 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**

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.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Psalm 32

Title: “#Blessed”

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Andrew Brunson**

Keep him safe while he is still imprisoned

Use him to minister to the lost

Strengthen him and his family

See him safely returned home

## **Our Nation**

Mend our broken nation through Christ

Revival

Lost would come to faith in Christ

Leaders would seek to glorify Christ in their actions

## **Vacation Bible School**

Use it to evangelize to the lost

Children would grow in their knowledge and love of Christ

Safety

Use it as an avenue to becoming part of the church

## **Youth**

Safety this summer

Growing together in Christ

Coming to faith in Christ

Living for Christ

## **Sister Churches**

Rowan Presbyterian- Lugoff, SC

Scots Kirk Presbyterian- Summerville, SC

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
 Carlyle & Mott Henley  
 Chic Whitlock  
 Clara Nell Robinson  
 Erin Tindal  
 Family of James Caskey  
 Gene Hunter  
 George Mason  
 Harold Allen- Lungs and Heart  
 I. W. 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

## Missionaries

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

## Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage  
 Shay & William Belk

## Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

## Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 Anne Nims  
 Butch Bernard- Jordan Bernard's Grandfather  
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's  
 Parents  
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece  
 Darryl Wayne Bristow- Pat McEachern's Broth-  
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 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister  
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom  
 Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother  
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX  
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church  
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS  
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother  
 John Boykin- Scruggs' Friend  
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's  
 Nephew  
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom  
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom  
 Mark Caskey- Dell Ghent's Brother  
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother  
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend  
 Nancy Ladd - Esther Shields' Sister  
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
 Shirley Parker- Brazell'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



**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.

**LUNCH BUNCH** Our next outing will be at 11:30 AM Tuesday, June 13. We will meet at Seagulls in Lancaster. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are joining us.



**MAILBOXES** Please remember to check your mailboxes behind the choir loft. New items have been added.

**ERSKINE SENIOR DAY** Erskine College will host Students Day Saturday, September 16. This event is for all high school students, and seniors get priority access to scholarships and other financial aid. For more information and registration visit [know.erskine.edu/ARP](http://know.erskine.edu/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.



**PRAYER LIST** If you, a friend, or a family member is on the prayer list, please contact the church office with an update.

**YOUTH EVENTS** Here are the upcoming events for our youth this summer:

Sunday, June 11 to Thursday, June 15- VBS

Tuesday, June 20- High School Laser Tag

Friday, June 23- Middle School Sports Connection

Tuesday, June 27- Hangout Day- Basketball

Saturday, July 1 to Friday, July 7- Appalachia

Friday, July 14- Lake Day

Wednesday, July 19- Hangout Day- Movies and Games

Friday, July 21- Movie and Cookout

Thursday, July 27- High School Cookout

Saturday, Saturday July 29- Middle School Cookout



See Jordan Bernard for details or questions. A calendar of events is also available on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.



**VBS 2017** This year's VBS runs tonight through Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-8:15PM. Plan to bring your children ages Pre-K to Middle School 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/firstarplancaster> or click on the link on our church website at [firstarplancaster.org](http://firstarplancaster.org).



**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