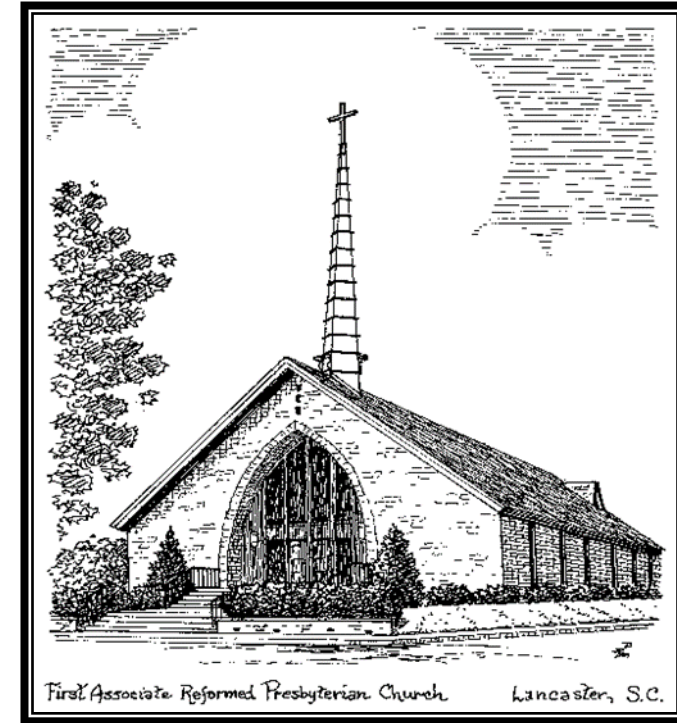


Volunteers

	June 4	June 11
Nursery	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
Toddlers	Natalie Carmichael	Dell Ghent
Greeters (F)	Phil & Sarah Baer	Butch & Dell Ghent
(S)	Richard & Lorri Crawford	Phillip & Stacey Pegram
	June	July
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
Captain	Lathan Rivers	David Mohr
Co Captain	Sam Prete	Debby Hegler
Ushers	Johnny Jones Will Jones	Joe Hegler Matthew Rivers



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

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 92:1-3

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

***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

May 28, 2017	
Attendance	106
General Fund	\$4,415
Total GF contributions This Month	\$18,996
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$363

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 4

9:15 Officer Meeting
9:30 Coffee fellowship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
12:15 Choir Practice
5:30 A-E Circle
5:30 Youth
7:00 Diaconate

Monday, June 5

1:30 JRP Circle

Friday, June 9

TBA Youth Lock In

Pastor's Corner

June 4, 2017

This week we will have our annual meeting of the ARP General Synod. This is the highest court of the ARP Church. Each session will send at least one delegate to this meeting. Larger churches are given more representation. Every minister in good standing is also a delegate to the Synod. We will be meeting in the YAB at Bonclarken.

This year we have several things of note coming before our Synod. After many years, the committee to re-write the Book of Discipline will report back with a draft for the Synod to re-view. The Ecclesiastical Commission of Judicial Affairs will report back on a complaint that was lodged against a presbytery at the last meeting of Synod. We have an invitation from the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America to join with them in the Summer of 2019 for a Corresponding Synod meetings at Beaver Falls, PA on the campus of Geneva College.

In addition to these issues, we will hear reports and recommendations from the various boards and committees of the church. We will be electing a new moderator and vice-moderator of the Synod. We will also hear reports from our sister denominations, have several worship times, and enjoy lots of fellowship.

Pray this week for our meetings:

Please pray for the peace, purity, prosperity, and unity of our Synod.

Pray that God's will would be done!

Pray for safe travel for all our delegates.

Pray that our work will be honoring to Christ!

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

*Confession of Faith

The Apostle's 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 #30

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

Chancel Choir

"Lord, Here Am I"

**universal

***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 #35A

“Strive, Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Canon Of Praise”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 951

Romans 16:25-27

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“Glory To God Through Jesus Christ”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #2, all verses

“O Worship the King”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - John 21:12-14

This is the third time that Jesus had revealed Himself. It is unclear if Jesus or any of the disciples ate breakfast. However, in Luke 24:43 we see that Jesus does eat with His disciples. What is clear in this passage is that He was not a ghost. He had prepared a fire and had a fish on it. He broke the bread and gave them their food. John is making a clear case that this was a risen man, not an imposter. It was the real Jesus who they had known well for the previous years. This is their testimony to us that we may believe in Him and in His power over sin and death.

Friday, June 9, 2017 - John 21:15-19

Peter is restored in this passage. Three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him. This clearly refers to Peter’s three denials of Jesus. Jesus restores Peter with a command to feed His sheep. He then goes into some detail about how Peter will die. It is said that Peter was crucified upside down on a cross at the hands of Nero. Jesus does not tell us where our lives will lead us as we follow Him. It was not just the disciples who were called to follow in hardship. Many ordinary people, young and old, educated or peasants, have heeded Jesus call to follow Him. Some followed even to death. Jesus bids you to follow him!

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - John 21:20-25

John ends his Gospel with Peter asking about what would happen to John. Jesus basically said it is not Peter’s concern what the Lord has in store for him. John declares that he has written this account and all that was written was true. He again declares that this was not an exhaustive account of Jesus. It would be impossible to do so and he closes with an illustration of this impossibility. If we were to write books to tell all about who Jesus was or what he had done, it would be more than the whole world could hold. But, God has given us enough in the Bible to know and believe in Jesus Christ.

Devotions

Monday, June 5, 2017 - John 21:1-6

What are the disciples to do with themselves now? They go back to what they knew, which in Peter's case was fishing. After a long night they had caught nothing. Jesus, who they did not at first recognize, called out to them to try the right side of the boat. This they tried and the net was so full it could not be hauled into the boat. This was not a secret fishing trick of Jesus'. It was a miracle wrought by the power of God. Many people want to apply this passage in various ways, but the correct application is that we need to obey Jesus in all areas of our life as Lord.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - John 21:7-8

John is the first to recognize that it is Jesus who has instructed them. Peter, hearing that it was the Lord Jesus, jumps into the water to swim to Jesus. Do we really need to say much more than this about these verses? Should we not desire Jesus as much as Peter did? Should we not cast off our sin and self-will to follow and know Jesus? What encouragement to us that Peter is accepted even after his denial of Jesus. Are you holding back from following Jesus completely? Are there areas of sin you need to cast off? Will you stay with the world or go to Jesus?

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - John 21:9-11

Not only was it a miracle that the fish were caught; it was another miracle that the net was not torn. Note well the details given about the fish and the fact that the net was not torn by this large catch. It would be expected that there would be some damage to the net. There are some commentators who draw a conclusion about the power of the risen Christ, saying that Jesus had not only brought the fish, but also maintained the net by His power. The church's power is in Jesus Christ. It is in Him and only Him that we have our hope. It is to Christ that the church looks for help and it is in Christ that we find that help, support, and strength we need.

***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

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 16:25-27

Title: "Glory To God Through Jesus Christ"

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson

Strength

Protection

Release

Youth

Leadership

Safety over the Summer

Salvation

Growth in Christ

Children

Classes (Sunday school, Wednesday Night Catechism, Sunday nights)

Know Christ

Learn the Bible

Follow Jesus

Church

Synod

VBS

Appalachia Team

Summer Activities

Various needs in the church family

Sister Churches

Rock Hill First ARP- Rock Hill, SC

Rogers Memorial ARP- Rock Hill, SC

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence

Carlyle & Mott Henley

Chic Whitlock

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

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.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The church secretary will be on vacation June 5-9. Volunteers are needed to cover the phones from 9-12 these days. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board if you are willing and able.



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.



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

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



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



STILL TIME TO SIGN UP This year's VBS will be Sunday, June 11 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/firststarplancaster> or click on the link on our church website at firststarplancaster.org.

MEETING CHANGE Due to VBS next week, the deacons will meet today at 7PM.

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

Friday, June 9 to Saturday, June 10- Lock-in

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.



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