

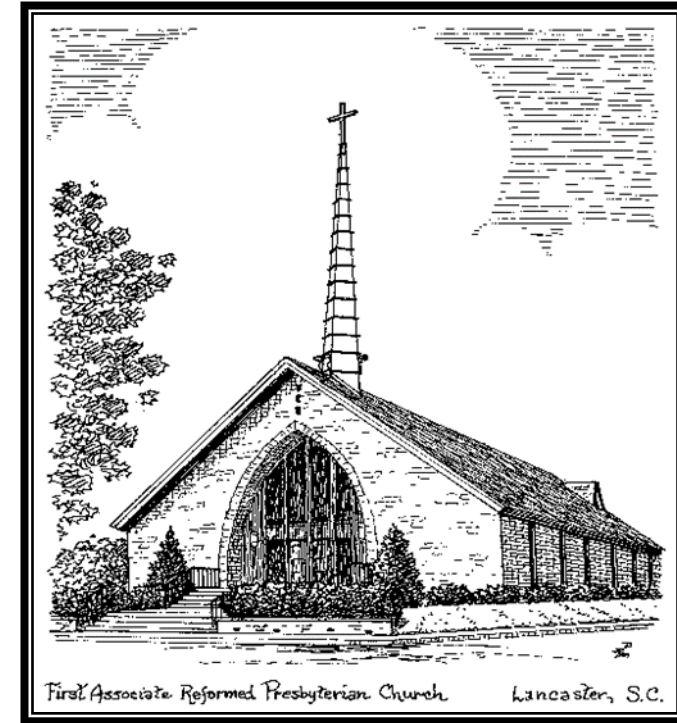
Volunteers

	May 28	June 4
Nursery	Stacey Pegram	Erin Tindal
Toddlers	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
Greeters (F)	Wayne & Debbie Dickson	Phil & Sarah Baer
	(S) Mike & Pat Scruggs	Richard & Lorri Crawford

	May	June
Elders	Butch Ghent David Pokopac	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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May 28, 2017

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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:5-7

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around Him?

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #6

“Your Name”

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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 14, 2017	
Attendance	101
General Fund	\$3,757
Total GF Contributions This Month	\$14,581
Average Monthly Budget Requirement	\$18,126
Missions Fund	\$20
Congregational Care Fund	\$10
Memorial Fund	\$25

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, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Corner

May 28, 2017

There are many hours of life that drift away into the mist of our lives. There are the average days of life that we may hold onto for a week or a month. There are above average days that we may remember for a few years. There are some hours of life that we will never forget; your first slam dunk, the first time you walk onto a stage to act, the first day of Camp Joy. These will stay with you for a life time as will your wedding day, first day of work in your career, the birth of your children, and the death of loved ones.

For our graduates, they have experienced a day that they will never forget. We thank God for these young people and for the opportunity to minister to them. God has blessed us through them and we pray we have helped, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to shape them to be more like Jesus.

When we come to one of these great and unforgettable hours of life, we need to stop and take stock of our lives and what matters in them. It is a time to be humbled and to look back at the Lord's goodness to us, to see how he has prepared us for future service in His kingdom. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the Lord and His ways.

To our graduates, I give you Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding!" How important this is for you to remember as you experience one of the great hours of life. May God give you a heart of faith to trust, follow, and obey the gospel.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

Pastor

*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.

*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 #55

"To God Be the Glory"

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

Chancel Choir

"The Church's One Foundation"

**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 #25C

“Be Gracious, Turn To Me”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“O Breath Of God”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

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Romans 16:1-23

Sermon

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“The Church Is About Christ’s People and His Peace ”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #604

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - John 20:28

Thomas had not believed the reports of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead when the disciples had told him. It is clear from this response that Thomas now believes after having seen Jesus alive. This is what all who have believed in Jesus say when they see and believe in Him. If Jesus is not your Lord and your God then you are not saved. You must put on Christ! He must be your God. You must see Him, worship Him, and acknowledge Him as such. He must be your Lord. He must have lordship over your life. You must submit to his love. His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

Friday, June 2, 2017 - John 20:29

Jesus made a point that in seeing Him, Thomas had believed. There were many then, and millions to come, who would believe without seeing. They would believe not because they had seen the risen Jesus, but because they heard the account of the resurrection. This is the essence of faith; to believe in the promises of Jesus Christ even though we have not seen him or touched him. We can know as clearly as Thomas did that Jesus is risen and His truths are real. The power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives convinces us and teaches us that the Word of God and the Gospel contained within it are true.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - John 20:30

The Bible does not answer every question we may have about Jesus and His Gospel. Here, John tells us that Jesus did many other things not recorded in this book. It is not an exhaustive account of Jesus’ life. Rather, John has written an account with the purpose of giving information so that those who read it may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. John has written so that those who would believe might have life in Jesus. This means that we might know and worship God in a restored relationship that can only come through Jesus Christ (John 14:1-6).

Devotions

Monday, May 29, 2017 - John 20:24-25

There are plenty of people who want to beat up on poor Thomas for not believing the report of the other disciples. What should we make of Thomas? I think we often see ourselves. Doubt is not the opposite of belief. We can hold fast to our belief while still having some lingering questions. In Mark 9:24, the man states that he believes, and asks for help with his unbelief. The Christian life is one of growth. We come to understand more and our faith grows stronger as we experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ day by day.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 - John 20:26

There is a wrong idea that the belief of the resurrection was slow to come to the church. This idea is set forth by those who would say the resurrection was a story invented by the church, but the opposite is actually true. In fact, the resurrection was not welcome in the church, according to the account of Thomas here in John 20. Jesus appeared five times the first day of His resurrection, then there are just five more appearances in the next 40 days, and only one more when He appeared to Saul on the Damascus road. God uses Thomas not as a negative example, but to show that the resurrection was real. Thomas believed because he saw the risen Christ. We have his testimony!

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 - John 20:27

We have no proof from John as to whether Thomas actually touched Jesus. There are those who say that Jesus commanded it, and therefore he had to have done it. However, It is just as likely that Jesus saying this and showing His hands and sides were enough for Thomas. It is likely that just seeing Jesus was enough. Thomas testifies to the truth of the resurrection. This is important because unless this truth is confirmed, the whole of the Gospel is in doubt. If Christ is not risen, we are in trouble (1 Corinthians 15:12-28).

***Benediction**

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Song supplement #1

“Benediction”

Verse 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

Chorus

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

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

Acts 2:46-47

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 16:1-23

Title: “The Church Is About Christ’s People and His Peace ”

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson

Strength

Protection

Release

World

Leaders around the World

End of violence and war

The poor and starving

Those who have no access to the Gospel

Missionaries

US & Local

President, Congress, Federal Government

Governor, State House, State Government

County Administrator and Council

Mayor and City Council

Church

Synod

VBS

Appalachia Team

Summer Activities

Various needs in the church family

Sister Churches

Oak ridge ARP- Heath Springs SC

River Crossing ARP- Rock Hill, SC

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen
 I. W. Caskey
 James Caskey
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside
 Mary Ella Jordan
 Nancy Ogburn
 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

Missionaries

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

Pregnancy

Shannon & Jeff Schrage
 Shay & William Belk

Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey
 Anne Nims
 Butch Bernard- Jordan Bernard's Grandfather
 Caylie Ibarra- Friend of the Pokopac's
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's
 Parents
 Chasity Aycoth- Sheryl Huey's Niece
 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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY We will recognize our graduates during today's Worship service.



REHEARSAL TIME CHANGE The adult choir will begin holding summer rehearsals at 12:15 on Sundays starting today. There will be no rehearsals in July.

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



OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

MEETING CHANGE Due to VBS on the second Sunday in June, the deacons will meet next week, June 4 at 7PM.

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



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 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. There is also a volunteer signup on the bulletin board. Pick your slot before your favorite is taken.

YOUTH EVENTS Here are the upcoming events for our youth in June:

Friday, June 9 to Saturday, June 10- Lock-in \$5

Sunday, June 11 to Thursday, June 15- VBS

Tuesday, June 20- High School Laser Tag- \$20

Friday, June 23- Middle School Sports Connection- \$20

Tuesday, June 27- Hangout Day- Basketball



See Jordan Bernard with any questions.



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

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.

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