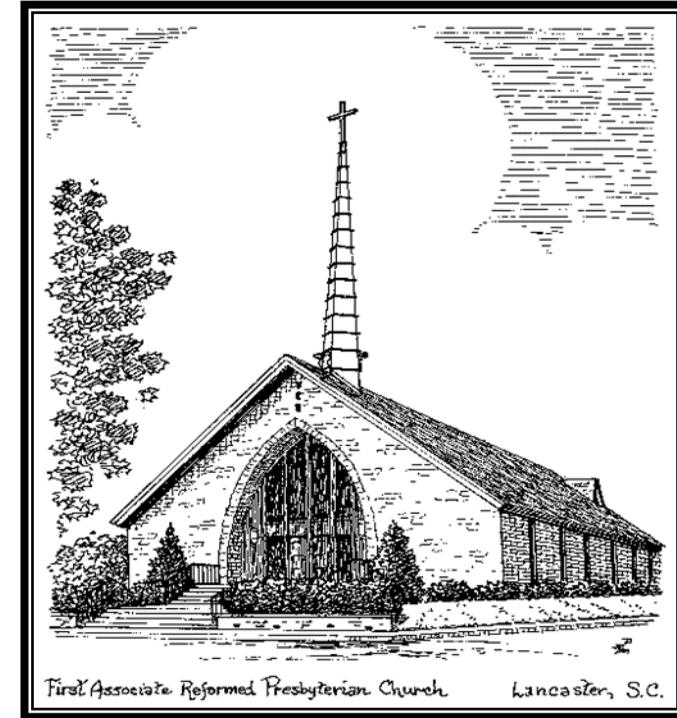


Volunteers

	June 18	June 25
Nursery	Grace Kelso	Miranda Bohler
Toddlers	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
Greeters (F)	Richard & Patricia Gardner	Joe & Debby Hegler
(S)	Steve Willis/ Ed Ogburn	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever
	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 Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #18

“Here I Am To Worship”

Tim Hughes

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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	
Attendance	85
General Fund	\$5,495
Total GF contributions This Month	\$5,495
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$290
Memorial Fund	\$75

June 11, 2017	
Attendance	67
General Fund	\$1,792
Total GF contributions This Month	\$7,287
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Congregational Care Fund	\$1
Memorial Fund	\$150

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, June 18

9:15 Officer Meeting

9:30 Coffee fellowship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship

12:15 Choir Practice

Tuesday, June 20

High School Laser Tag

Friday, June 23

Middle School Sports Connection

Pastor's Corner

June 18, 2017

I am very thankful for my time here at First ARP, and I have been blessed to get to know each one of you in the congregation. Coming in, I did not know what to expect, and I was very nervous. You all were very welcoming to Amanda and me, and this church began to feel like home shortly afterward. Being here has taught me so many lessons and brought so many cherished memories.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to grow here as well. I can't tell you how nervous I was getting up to preach that first Sunday night. My heart was racing, and I was praying that I would make it through. However, God got me through it, and you all were very gracious. Through the times I have been given to preach, everyone has been very encouraging and helpful, and it has helped me tremendously.

It has been amazing to see God work in the life of the church, but it has been especially amazing to see what He has done in the lives of our youth here. It has been a blessing to see our youth grow in their faith and to see some of them come to know Jesus. We had our highs and our lows, but I would not change a single thing. Even though I taught many lessons, I learned many lessons myself, like not having two lock-ins in one summer. If it had not been for the opportunity here at First ARP, I do not think I would have been as prepared for ministry when I finished seminary.

It is a bittersweet thing to have to leave. I am going to miss all of you, but I am looking forward to the opportunity that God has given me at York ARP. When you are called to the ministry, it is not about where you are comfortable, but it is about where God calls you to go. I feel that the experience I have gotten here has helped prepare me for this next leg of my journey, and I am very grateful for it. I pray that God will continue to bless you all, and that He would continue to use First ARP to reach out into the community to share the Gospel. Please stay in touch, and if you need anything, feel free to call. Thank you all so much.

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

"This Is My Father's World"

Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory

"God's Love Is Always There"

The Apostle's Creed

Red Trinity Hymnal #111

VBS Kids

***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 #54

“By your Name, O God”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Comfort the People”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 816

Matthew 12:1-4

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims

“Our Father’s Day”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #537

“Take Time To Be Holy”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, June 21st, 2017 - Matthew 6:10a

We often anticipate the coming of the kingdom of God as the final consummation seen in Revelation. However, God’s kingdom is past, present, and future, and His kingdom is here on earth now, as Christ is reigning in the hearts of believers and in the church. We show others the kingdom of God by showing them Christ in our actions, words, and sharing of the Gospel. We anticipate the second coming of Christ and are ready to see Him face to face, but there is still kingdom work for us to do today because the kingdom is already here.

Are you just sitting around waiting for Jesus to return, or are you showing the lost that they can be a part of the kingdom that is here, right now, in the hearts of believers?

Friday, June 22nd, 2017 - Matthew 6:10b

When we pray that God’s will would be done, we are talking about two important responsibilities. The first is that we should commit ourselves to learning all we can about His will, which means we should be studying His Word. The second responsibility is that we do His will with the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to do so. We may say we want to do God’s will, but we may be torn between His will and our sinful desires. We should genuinely pray that He would help us to do His will and put off our sinful ways.

Do you spend time studying the Bible do discern God’s will, or is that something that you let the pastor do for you? Do you truly want to do God’s will, or do you prefer your sinful habits more?

Saturday, June 23rd, 2017 - Matthew 6:11

All blessings come from God, and this includes the food we eat each day. We should rely on Christ to provide what we need each day. We should trust that God knows what we need and that He will sustain us. We should not be anxious, worrying about what will be on the dinner table, but we should have faith that God will give us what we need to meet our physical needs. This helps us to continue to trust in Christ when times get hard, and we can find peace and comfort in Him when we are going through a troubling event. Jesus reminded us earlier that God provides for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, and He will surely take care of His people.

Do you trust in God for your salvation, but not for your daily means? We should find comfort in that Christ, who provides salvation, also provides our daily bread.

Devotions

Monday, June 18th, 2017 - Matthew 6:9a

Jesus instructs the disciples to not pray like the Gentiles who are repeating empty words, but to pray as He is about to teach them in the Lord's Prayer. We pray this every Sunday for a reason. The words that Jesus tells us are thorough and thoughtful, and we should pay attention and mean the words that we are praying.

Do you just go through the motions when you pray the Lord's Prayer, or do you truly mean what you say when you pray this prayer?

Tuesday, June 19th, 2017 - Matthew 6:9b

Jesus tells us to pray to our Father in Heaven. Think about that for a second. We can consider God as our father. No matter if you had a good or bad earthly father, we know that we have an amazing Heavenly Father who we can come and pray to. As our Heavenly Father, God loves His children, and He cares for them. When we begin with this, we are reminded that God always does what is best for His children, whether we see it or not. This helps humble us, knowing that no matter what we are going through, God has our best interests at heart.

Wednesday, June 20th, 2017 - Matthew 6:9c

The word "hallowed" here means to be set apart, and we should set God above all things in our lives. We should glorify and praise Him for who He is as our Lord, Creator, and Savior. We should hold high the name of God because as Acts 4:12 says, there is no other name under which can be saved than His. We often find that God's name is used very loosely today, and it is not being revered. Jesus reminds us of the respect and high regard that we should have for the name of God in this verse.

Do you revere the Lord's name, or do you let it loosely slip off of your tongue when you are angry or upset?

***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

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Sermon Notes

Text: Matthew 12:1-4

Title: "Our Father's Day"

Prayer Emphasis

Civil Government

Those injured in Congressional Shooting

Congressional House Race

President and Congress - their safety and wisdom in leading

Local leaders

Church Ministries

Thanks for good week of VBS

Planning this summer for our Fall Events

Trail Life

Sunday school

The Lost

That some without a church home will come to 1st ARP

That we will continue to love all who come to us

That we will reach out to those on our Ten List

That God will lead people to 1st ARP

The Afflicted

Physical needs

Emotional needs

Spiritual needs

Catawba Presbytery

George Busch is in the last stages of Cancer. Pray for him, his family, and the Scots Kirk congregation.

Gentry McColm is battling stomach cancer. Pray for him, his family, and the Hope congregation.

Pray for other ministers and churches that are going through difficult times.

Sister Churches

Sharon ARP- Sharon, SC

Shem Creek Presbyterian Mission- Mt. Pleasant, 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-
 er
 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.

FLOWERS Today's flowers are given in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Buddy and Suzanne Lever by Tom, Leigh, Thomas and Wylie Elizabeth Lever and Susan, Jennings and Catherine Tanner.



MISSIONS FUND Next week we will take up an offering to support our missions at home and abroad.

SUMMER READING Summer is here and it's a great time to pick up a good book. Pastor Kyle has chosen some great new titles in the last couple weeks, so check out our book table (cart) at the side entrance of the church. Most selections are under \$3 and some are even written by ARP authors. For only \$1, there are also pocket size editions of The Shorter Catechism. These will be useful for elementary school children who will begin Catechism study on Wednesday nights this fall. Be sure to check out the selection before your favorite title is gone.



2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

- September 22-24, 2017 Senior High Retreat - Bonclarken
- October 7, 2017 Catawba Children's Retreat- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 9:00 a.m.
- October 10, 2017 Catawba Presbytery- Neely's Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC, 10:00 a.m.
- October 24, 2017 Catawba Elders' Association- Centennial Church, Columbia, SC, 7:00 p.m.
- November 3-5, 2017 Catawba Middle School Retreat- Bonclarken

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

- 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.

CATECHISM FOR KIDS August 23 is our first night back for Wednesday Family Night. Children in Kindergarten to 5th grade will study the 107 questions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism through memorization, repetition, and play. In order to have enough printed materials available, please contact the church office at 285.1578 or onahill@comporium.net to register your child. This is a great opportunity to give your children a strong foundation in the Christian faith that they will be able to build on for eternity.



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



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