

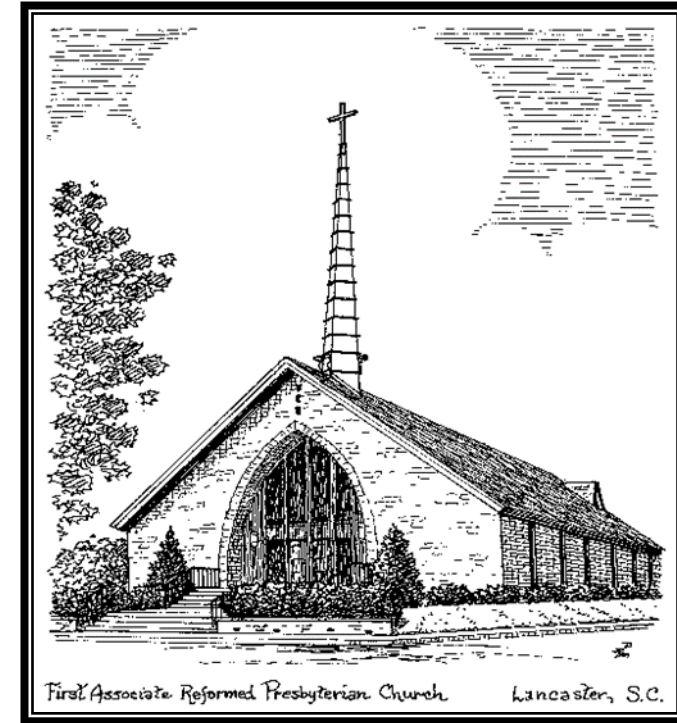
# Volunteers

	<b>June 25</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Miranda Bohler	Kelly Sims
<b>Toddlers</b>	Susan Cauthen	Stacey Pegram
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Joe & Debby Hegler	Mike & Susan Cauthen
<b>(S)</b>	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever	Tom & Betty Arant

	<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)



# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

June 25, 2017

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Ms. Sydney Merck

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

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

Psalm 95:2-3

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

### **\*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 18, 2017	
Attendance	87
General Fund	\$2,520
Total GF contributions This Month	\$9,807
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$20
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.

## This Week’s Schedule

### **Sunday, June 25**

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

### **Tuesday, June 27**

Youth Hangout Day- Basketball

# Pastor's Corner

June 25, 2017

Earlier this month our seminary intern Jordan Bernard announced his leaving us to become the student supply pastor at the York Associate Reformed Church in York, SC. Jordan has worked with us for the last 27 months and we have seen him grow in his knowledge and abilities. He will be missed by our congregation, but we look forward to seeing how God will use him in his future ministry.

There is one last thing that we are going to do to help prepare Jordan for his new opportunity. This Summer Jordan is going to do a majority of the preaching. This will give him a little bit more practice since we discontinued our evening worship service. This will also let him work on a file of sermons that he can use to start his time at York ARP while he continues his seminary studies.

I will continue to be assisting Jordan in worship and working on several projects this summer. It will nice to have a break from weekly teaching responsibility to work on these projects for our church and its future. Please pray that this summer will be a blessing to Jordan and Amanda as they prepare to move to a new field of ministry. Also pray for me as I work on these important projects and plan for the 2017-2018 year.

We will be having a farewell dinner on August 13 for Jordan and Amanda. Please make sure you mark your calendars now. There will be more information coming out in the following weeks.

We have been blessed by our internship program here at First ARP Church. Our Interns are now in ministry all over the world; from Spain, to Indiana, to just up the road in Lancaster. We are searching for our next intern. Please pray that the Lord would lead us to the right young man.

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 #100

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Choral Offertory

Chancel Choir

*“As the Deer Pants For the Water”*

**\*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 #61A

*“O God, Hear My Cry”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 762

Joel 2:28-29

**Sermon**

Mr. Jordan Bernard

*“The Spirit Driven Church”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #337

*“O Spirit Of the Living God”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

Thursday, June 29th, 2017 - Matthew 6:13b

The world will tell us that we are fine and there is nothing to worry about, but this is a facade. We need to be delivered from our sin. That is a fact, and the only way for this to happen is to turn to Christ. We need to depend on Him for everything because we cannot deliver ourselves. We will fall victim to Satan every time if we try to do it alone. This is why we should be praying for Christ’s help to overcome our sins. Because of Christ, we have been given a Helper to enable us to be victorious over our sinful ways. The Holy Spirit within us helps us to put to death the deeds of the flesh and to put on Christ and to live for Him. Do you try to overcome your temptations yourself, or are you relying on the Holy Spirit to help you?

Friday, June 30th, 2017 - Matthew 6:14

Jesus again speaks on our attitudes toward forgiveness. There is a direct relationship between having been forgiven by God and the forgiveness that a Christian should extend toward others. Because Christ has forgiven us, we should imitate Him and forgive others. This means that we should forgive others fully, for we have been fully forgiven by the grace of God. We should forgive often, just as we ask for forgiveness for the many sins we commit each day. We should not keep a tally so we can stop forgiving someone when they have too many strikes, but we should forgive others as Jesus says seventy times seven. Remember that we should be showing others Christ in us, and that means we should show His forgiveness as well.

Saturday, July 1st, 2017 - Matthew 6:15

Jesus is very clear that if we do not forgive others, then we are not forgiven. Matthew 18:23-25 tells us the parable of the unforgiving servant who did not forgive his fellow servant for not paying him even though he had been forgiven for his even greater debt. The unforgiving servant is thrown in jail by his master because the servant did not show mercy to another even though the master showed mercy on him. How can we say that we can’t forgive someone, when God has forgiven us for so much more? Matthew 6:15 shows that there is no forgiveness for the one who does not forgive because an unforgiving spirit bears witness to the fact that he never repented. Being forgiven by Christ should change us. We who willingly pray to be forgiven should also be just as willing to forgive. Being forgiven and forgiving others are a package deal. You cannot have one without the other. Are you having a hard time forgiving others? Remember how much you were forgiven, and have the same attitude as Christ did.

# Devotions

Monday, June 26th, 2017 - Matthew 6:12a

As Lord and Creator, God is due perfect obedience from all mankind, but sin disables us from doing so, and we are in debt to Him. If one does not pay a debt, the debtor would be reprimanded for it. Because we cannot pay our debt to God, we deserve punishment. However, Christ paid the debts of His people by giving up His own life in order that their debts may be paid. When we pray to be forgiven of our debts, we remind ourselves that we owe Christ our lives because He paid our debts to save us. This is also a reminder for us to pray that He would change our lives, so that we may glorify Him by obeying Him.

Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 - Matthew 6:12b

When we are reminded of just how much we have been forgiven, we also should pray that we would forgive others. There are people that have wronged us in our lives, and we are presented with two ways we deal with these people. The first way, which is the wrong way, is to hold a grudge, be spiteful, or other sinful means. The second way is what Jesus tells us; we should forgive them. We must remember just how much wrong we did toward God and how we are still forgiven. In turn, when we are faced with those who have wronged us, we should have the same forgiving attitude that God had for us. Are you holding a grudge, or are you showing Christ's forgiveness by forgiving others?

Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 - Matthew 6:13a

Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd and that we are the sheep. As a shepherd leads his sheep, Christ leads us. In this petition, we ask to not be led into temptation, where we may fall into sin, but to instead be led away from sin to righteousness. We may find we wander into sin when we are not relying on Him to lead and guide us. When we aren't praying, going to church, or reading His Word, it is no surprise that we find ourselves knee deep in our sins. We should be constantly letting Christ lead and guide us so that we may not fall into temptation. Have you been trying to guide yourself and fallen into a sinful hole, or are you relying on Christ to lead you every day?

## **\*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**

Romans 8:14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Joel 2:28-29

Title: “The Spirit Driven Church”

# Prayer Emphasis

## **For our Appalachia Mission team**

Safety in travel and in the field

The new location will work out

Many kids will come to VBS

Many kids will believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior

All kids will grow in their knowledge of Christ

It will change our team members lives

## **For our Church**

Elders

Deacons

Staff

Search for a new intern

Sunday school

Worship

Sunday night

Wednesday Night

## **For our Outreach**

We will see, love, and engage the Lost

The Lord will send new people through our doors

We will pray for our Ten List

## **For those Afflicted**

Physical

Mental

Emotional

Grief

Spiritual

## **Sister Churches**

Sherwood Forest ARP- Columbia, SC- Rev. Mark Herring

Shiloh ARP- Lancaster, SC- Rev. Tom Wilson

# 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  
 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 Brother  
 Delphine Spinks- Geri Brazell's Sister  
 Donna Bohler- Daniel Bohler's Mom  
 Doris Hudson-Lorri Crawford's Mother  
 Family of Margie Parish- Jordan Bernard's Friend  
 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  
 Lynn Whitesell- Virginia Fleming's Sister-In- Law  
 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.

**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. Be sure to check out the selection before your favorite titles are gone.



**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.

\* Be sure to check out the book table where there are also pocket size editions of The Shorter Catechism for \$1.

**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



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



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.

**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.

**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

**Are you praying for your Ten List?**

Packets are available in the church office.