

# Volunteers

	<b>August 20</b>	<b>August 27</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
<b>Toddlers</b>	Natalie Carmichael	Dell Ghent
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever	Tom & Betty Arant
<b>(S)</b>	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve	Benny & Geri Brazell
	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
<b>Captain</b>	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
<b>Co Captain</b>	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Shields	Johnny Jones
	Ben Rivers	Will Jones

# Staff and Officers

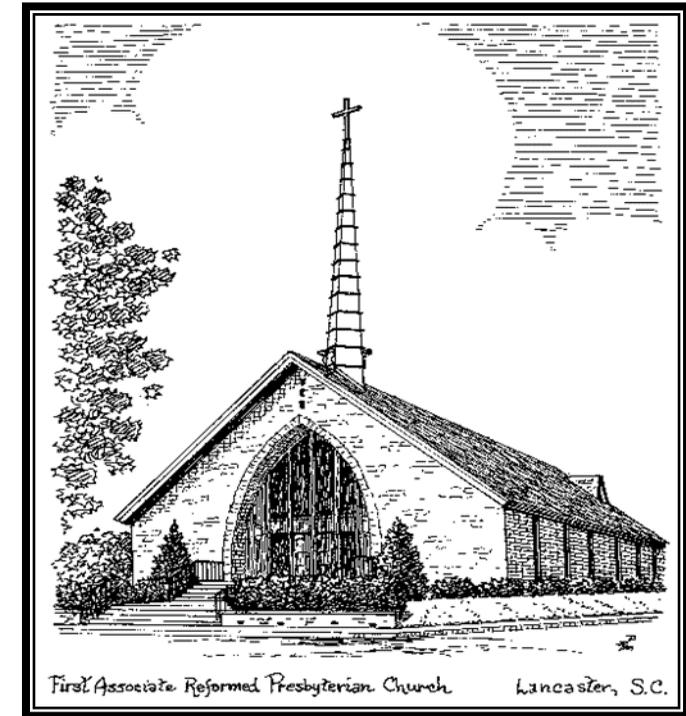
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	Butch Ghent (2017)	Sam Prete (2017)
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	David Pokopac (2017)	Lathan Rivers (2017)
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	Ed Ogburn (2018)	Debbie Dickson (2018)
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	Richard Crawford (2018)	Keith Jaillette (2018)
	Frank Brackett (2019)	Debby Hegler (2019)
	Buddy Lever (2019)	Dave Mohr (2019)

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*Lancaster, SC*

*August 20, 2017*

# Morning Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

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

Psalm 100:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

### **\*Hymn**

Song Supplement #8

*“He Knows My Name”*

*Tommy Walker*

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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

<b>August 13, 2017</b>	
Attendance	110
General Fund	\$2,512
Total GF contributions This Month	\$7,440
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$110
Congregational Care Fund	\$6

REMEMBER YOUR  
CHURCH IN  
YOUR ESTATE  
PLANNING OR  
YOUR WILL.

**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.

### **ADDRESS UPDATE**

Becky Andersen  
8144 Rainwater Circle  
Manassas, VA 20111

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

Packets are available in the church office.

# This Week’s Schedule

## **Sunday, August 20**

9:15 Officers Meeting  
9:30 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship

## **Wednesday, August 23**

5:55 Supper  
6:30 Classes  
7:30 Choir

## **Friday, August 25**

7:00 Youth Breakfast

August 20, 2017

*“... 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...”*

*1 Peter 3:15*

I was looking for new curriculum to teach my Elementary School kids at Wednesday Family Night this fall and came across *Catechism for Kids*. Created by a homeschool mom to fill a gap in her daughter’s school curriculum, it uses reading, writing and repetition to teach the 107 questions of The Westminster Shorter Catechism.

I grew up in church. I was baptized on the Easter after I turned 12, right on schedule. I attended youth group and church camp regularly. Then I went off to college. I found myself hours away from my home church with no one to hold me accountable for attendance, bible study, or even prayer time. There were new friends to impress and drifting away from God was easy.

I eventually found my way back, and am more involved in church than I ever imagined. I admit that I chose this curriculum for selfish reasons. I now have a child of my own, and find myself trying to make sure she has every advantage I never did. I especially want her to have a foundation to her faith that I never truly understood. My prayer is that this curriculum gives all our children tools to stand firm in their faith and to share with others the hope they have in Jesus Christ.

Please make the effort to bring your child every Wednesday. Take the time to ask questions about what they learn each week. Spend time learning these questions and answers together so you may all grow in faith, hope, and love of the Lord.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*

Stacy Pokopac

### **\*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**

*“God, All Nature Sings the Glory”*

Red Trinity Hymnal #122

### **Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

*“Come To the Table”*

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.

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## MEANS OF GRACE

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

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Ephesians 4:1-6

### **Sermon**

Dr. Kyle E. Sims

“Real Unity”

### **Prayer of Application**

### **Hymn**

Insert v. 1-3

*“Behold the Lamb”*

### **The Lord’s Supper**

#### **Invitation and Fencing**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most Merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer**

#### **Elements**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **August 24, 2017 – Colossians 1:3**

How is your prayer life? Do you jump straight into the things you need? Do you have a fully developed prayer life? It is important for us to see that our prayers are more than just requests. We need to praise God for who He is and we need to confess our sins before Him. Here Paul tells the Christians at Colossae that he has been giving thanks for them when he prays for them. Thanksgiving is an important part of your prayers too. Make sure that you are giving enough time and effort in your prayers for the things and people you are thankful for in your life.

### **August 25, 2017 – Colossians 1:4**

Faith without works is dead says James. Paul, in reference to the church at Colossae, speaks of their faith which shows itself in the love they have for the saints. Faith is not a passive assent or trust. It works itself out in life. Faith is belief in Jesus Christ and His transformative salvation working in the life of the Christian. If you have faith then you will be like the Colossians and have love for God and His people.

### **August 26, 2017 – Colossians 1:5**

Hope is a key aspect to the Christian life. Our faith is a hope in the promises of Jesus Christ found in the Word of truth; the Gospel. The Christian faith is not just a philosophy or approach to living life. It is a hope of being transformed now and of eternal life in heaven with God. When you understand what your faith is in Jesus, and what is yours in Jesus by faith, then you have a hope that drives you in this life. Where is your hope? Is it driven by your faith?

# Devotions

## August 21, 2017 – Colossians 1:1

In the Ancient Near East, it was the custom to sign a letter at the beginning, whereas today we sign at the end. This letter was written by Paul to the church at Colossae. In this opening verse, we learn that Paul is an Apostle. He is unique because unlike the other Apostles, Paul was called to be an Apostle after Christ's death and resurrection. He was on his way to persecute the Christians in Damascus when Christ appeared to him and called him to be a Christian himself. This is why he says an Apostle by the will of God. God had called him in a way that was distinct from the other Apostles.

## August 22, 2017 – Colossians 1:2a

This letter is addressed to the Christians at Colossae. Why are Christians called saints? It is because we are saved by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. It is not because we have earned anything, but because God has made us saints by His grace. Note well that Christians are also called brothers, as we have a common adoption in our salvation. God is our Father and Christ is our brother. We, who are called and have believed in Him, are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

## August 23, 2017 – Colossians 1:2b

The need for grace and peace are clear in Paul's opening greetings as he prays for them to have grace and peace from God. This only comes through Jesus Christ and what He has done. We are saved only by grace. Grace is God giving us all that we need when we did not deserve or earn it. Peace with God is crucial and necessary. This peace can only come when we deal with our sins, and the only way to deal with our sins is by faith in Jesus Christ.

## RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

### **\*Hymn**

Insert v. 4

*“Behold the Lamb”*

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### **\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

### **\*Benediction**

## LEAVING WORSHIP

### **\*Congregational Response**

May the Peace of God our Heavenly 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 heaven.

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 Corinthians 12:12-13

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Title: "Real Unity"

# Prayer Emphasis

## **Prayer for our World**

Barcelona

Syria

## **Prayer for our Nations**

Charlottesville

Division of the nation

## **Prayer for Lancaster**

End of Violence

Beginning of School Year

## **Prayer for Church**

Starting back with Programs

New Intern

Those in Need (Physical, Emotional, Spiritual)

College Students (Tyresse McCree, Nehemiah McGriff, Elizabeth Sims)

## **Sister Churches**

Clover ARP- Clover, SC

Crossings Community Church- Columbia, SC- Rev. Paul Pepin

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Benny Brazell- Back  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX  
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church  
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's  
 Jane Aiken- Complications of MS  
 JoAn and Ernest Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister  
 and Brother-In-Law  
 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.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** We will resume our Wednesday Family Night program with a fall kickoff August 23 at 6PM. The cost will remain at \$3 per person or \$10 per family. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.



**CATECHISM FOR KIDS** August 30 is our first night of classes 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.



**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

HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for their clients. Additional pantry needs include:

- \*Peanut Butter
- \*Canned Salmon
- \*Jelly
- \*Canned Fruit
- \*Canned Beef Stew
- \*Dry Pasta



**ANNUAL RETREAT** The Congregational Retreat at Bonclarken will be Friday, September 29-



Sunday, October 1. Registration forms are available on the side entry table or on our website at [FirstARPLancaster.org](http://FirstARPLancaster.org). Faith Apartments will be assigned as forms are received. All registration forms are due by **Sunday, September 10** and can be turned in at the table or to the church office. See Buddy Lever with any questions.

**SR.HIGH RETREAT** The Senior High Retreat will be Friday, September 22- Sunday, September 24 at Bonclarken. The cost is \$80. All forms are due by **Sunday, September 10**. See Chuck or Sonja Coale for registration packets and information on discounted registration.



**YOUTH BREAKFAST** Youth breakfast begins again Friday, August 25 at 7AM. If you are in Middle School or High School, we look forward to seeing you for this time of food, fellowship and Bible study each week. If you are an adult interested in helping with this weekly event, contact Pastor Kyle to find out how you can utilize your talents.

## 2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

- 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



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