

# Volunteers

	<b>October 29</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Kimberly Hefner	Susan Cauthen
<b>Toddlers</b>	_____	Miranda Bohler
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Benny & Geri Brazell	Pat & Mike Scruggs
<b>(S)</b>	Phil & Sarah Baer	Butch & Dell Ghent
	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Elders</b>	Frank Brackett	Butch Ghent
	Buddy Lever	David Pokopac
<b>Captain</b>	Keith Jaillette	Debbie Dickson
<b>Co Captain</b>	David Mohr	Debby Hegler
<b>Ushers</b>	Benny Brazell	Richard Gardner
	Sal Estrada	Steve Willis

# Staff and Officers

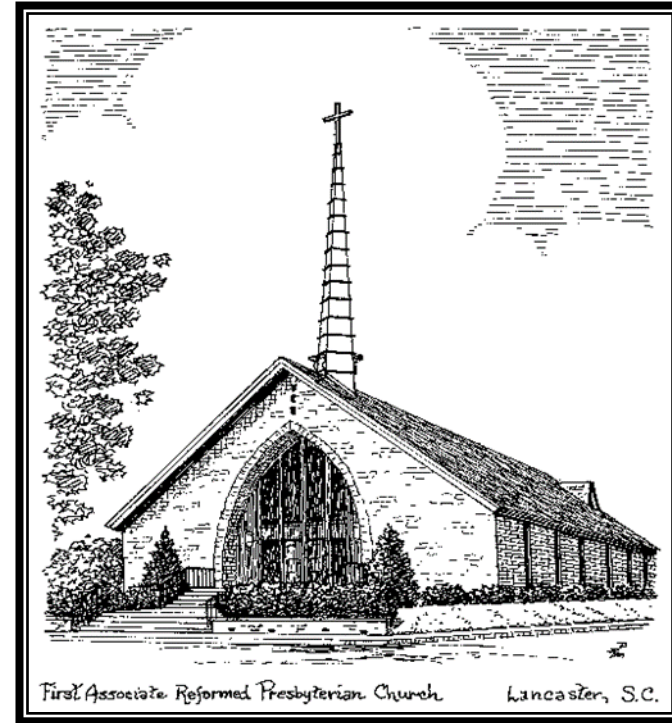
<b>STAFF</b>		<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett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

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# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2017

# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

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

Psalm 111:1-2

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

### **\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #92

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

### **\*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>October 22, 2017</b>	
Attendance	87
General Fund	\$4,375
Total GF contributions This Month	\$15,134
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$448
Congregational Care Fund	\$140

**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.



### **2018 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

March 2-4 Senior High Super Retreat - Bonclarken

March 13 Presbytery at Oak Ridge Church - 10:00 a.m.

March 23-25 Presbytery Middle School Retreat - Bonclarken

June 5 Catawba Presbytery- Bonclarken - 10:00 a.m.

September 21-23 Senior High Super Retreat – Bonclarken

October 13 Children’s Retreat at Neely’s Creek Church,

October 9 Presbytery meets at 1st Rock Hill - 10:00 a.m.

October 23 Elders’ Association at Shiloh Church - 7:00 p.m.

November 2-4 Catawba Middle School Retreat-Bonclarken

This Tuesday we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of an event that changed the world. During the festival at Wittenberg, a monk nailed his 95 complaints against what he saw as things that needed to be changed in the church. It was not his intention to start a new church, but to reform the true church according to the Scriptures and the teachings of the early church fathers. It was this re-forming of the church that caused one of the big divisions in Christianity, the first being in 1051 with the split between Rome and Constantinople into what we call the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. The Protestant church came out of the Roman side and is called the Protestant church.

Does it really matter today? There are some that today are saying it does not. There is a movement to reunite the Protestant and the Roman church into one church. However, there are some problems with this movement. The issues that Luther highlighted have not all been addressed. Indeed, some of the biggest issues that are contained in the 95 Theses are still a problem to a Bible believing Protestant.

Should we care about these things today? Yes! Men and women died to make sure that Biblical truth was taught. The Bible being read and even available in common languages, the singing of the congregation, the proper understanding of the role of the church, the right administration of the sacraments, the right number of sacraments, and much more, are still at stake.

This is more than our heritage and tradition. It is not just our favorite team or our chosen party's position. We hold to these things because we see them taught in Scripture or understood as important by the early Christians. We want to have the Scriptures as our foundation and not the traditions and imaginations of man. This is why we should celebrate the Reformation.; because men like Martin Luther were willing to stand for Truth over error.

Pray that we will continue to see God raise up faithful people to speak truth and ever be reforming the church to the Bible. Pray that we will be this people in our own day!

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.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

Children's Choir

*"Somebody's Knocking At Your Door"*

### **\*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 #184

*“Adoration and Submission”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“If You But Trust In God To Guide You”*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible Page 982

Philippians 4:5-7

**Sermon**

Dr. Kyle Sims

*“Does God Make a Difference?”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn** Red Trinity Hymnal #691

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Benediction**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** If any children, youth, or adults are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Kyle.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** Have you considered joining the choir? Are you reluctant to make a commitment? The chancel choir has already begun to learn music for this year’s Lessons and Carols, but it is not too late to join us. You are welcome in the choir even for a short term as we prepare to lead the congregation in praise at the birth of Jesus. We meet at 7:30PM on Wednesdays. Contact Kristen Wunderlich for details. \*Cupcakes can be arranged upon request.



**FALL BACK** Daylight savings ends Sunday, November 5 at 2AM. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday. If you forget, we invite you to join us for Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 and Sunday School at 10:00.

**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

**NOMINATIONS** If you would like to nominate someone for elder, deacon, treasurer, or congregational chairman, please fill out the form and place it in the box in front of the church office.



**ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** Remember to turn in your subscriptions and payments for the 2018 ARP Magazine. Extra forms are available on the table at the side entrance. All forms and money are due by November 10. Checks are to be made payable to **ARP Magazine**. See Corinne Brackett with questions.

# 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.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION** October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Baskets will be available this month at the front and side entrances to the sanctuary for your cards and notes of encouragement to Pastor Kyle and family.



**FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS** We will meet immediately following the worship service today for lunch and set up. This will also replace tonight's youth group meeting.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** Join us for our Wednesday night program. Dinner is from 5:45- 6:20PM and classes for all ages are from 6:30- 7:30PM. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Checks are accepted, but please make them payable to **Butch Ghent**. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** November 13-20 is National Collection Week for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, however, all boxes collected at the church by Sunday, December 10 will be delivered to the processing center in Charlotte. Boxes and labels are available at the side entrance of the church. Please make a note that shipping this year has increased to \$9 per box.

If you would like to volunteer at the processing center, we have a slot reserved Monday, December 11 from 6-10PM. A signup sheet will be available closer to the date. Contact Kelly Sims or Lorri Crawford with questions.

## 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**

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

# Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 4:5-7

Title: “Does God Make a Difference?”

## Prayer Emphasis

**The marriages within our congregation.** Marriage is hard and filled with both great struggles and great fulfillment. Pray that the marriages within our congregation would be growing in strength through Jesus Christ. Pray for the protection of our marriages against all who would destroy them. Help those who are married to remember their vow to God and to their spouse.

**The Lost Sheep that have wandered from our church and the Lord.** Pray for those who have stopped going to church. Pray that they will get back into church and walking with the Lord. Take sometime to think about someone you have not seen at church in a while. Pray for that family or individual this week.

**The release of Andrew Brunson from prison.** We must not forget our brother in chains. We must not forget his family that is suffering and longing for his release. Pray that the Lord will protect him, use him, and set him free.

**Our Wednesday Night Catechism classes.** Pray for our kids and youth as they study and learn the catechism. It is important for them to know the one true faith. Pray that they will not only learn the knowledge, but know the God of our salvation.

**That we will become more involved with each other as a congregation.** We need to be involved especially with the new people who have joined in recent years. It is good to know them, their testimony, and their giftedness as we worship, fellowship, and work together.

**The Session, Diaconate, and Women’s Ministries leaders.**

**Local Ministries.**

**Our sister churches and their leadership:**

Hopewell ARP- Blackstock, SC

Iglesia Biblica Latinoamerican- Columbia, SC

# Prayer Requests

## First ARP

Benny Brazell  
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence  
 Carlyle & Mott Henley  
 Chic Whitlock  
 Clara Nell Robinson  
 Erin Tindal  
 George Mason  
 Harold Allen  
 I. W. Caskey  
 John & Pat Willis  
 Katey Powell  
 Marilyn Duve  
 Mary Brown Parks-Morningside  
 Mary Ella Jordan  
 Nancy Ogburn  
 Sally Lloyd  
 Sheryl Huey  
 Tom Strickland

## Church Planters

Ben Carver- Shem Creek ARP- Mt. Pleasant  
 Ian Wise-Pageland RPCNA  
 Matt Awtrey-Kings' Church- Irmo  
 Rob Turner- Arsenal Hill- Columbia

## Missionaries

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

## Military

Alex Coale- Japan  
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

## Friends & Family

Andrew Brunson- Prison in Turkey  
 Charles and Annie Montgomery- Susan Prete's  
 Parents  
 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  
 Family of Jack Dockery  
 Gentry McColm- Hope Church, TX  
 George Busch- Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church  
 Gwen Furse- Friend of the Pokopac's  
 JoAnn Byrd-Patricia Gardner's Mother  
 John Boykin- Friend of the Scruggs'  
 John Christian Rozycki- Kristen Wunderlich's  
 Nephew  
 Judy Morrison- Aaron Morrison's Step Mom  
 Louise Carpenter- Debbie Dickson's Mom  
 Mary Ginty-Katey Powell's Mother  
 Mary Musselwhite- Pat McEachern's Friend  
 Phil Ghent- Butch Ghent's Brother  
 Robert and Janice McClelland- Andrea Hen-  
 ley's Parents  
 Sandra Ginty- Katey Powell's Sister-In-Law  
 Shirley Parker- Brazell's Sister-In-Law

## Praise

Shay & William Belk- Birth of daughter Rayne  
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# 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>Scripture Text and Title</u></p>	<p><u>My Favorite Hymn</u></p>
<p><u>Sermon Points</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p><u>What I Learned Today?</u></p>
<p><u>Things To Pray For</u></p>	<p><u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u></p>

# November

# 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 Fall Festival	<b>1</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
<b>5 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT</b> 4:00 JL Circle 6:30 AE Circle No youth group tonight	<b>6</b> 1:30 JRP Circle	<b>7</b> 9:00 Classical Conversations	<b>8</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
<b>12</b> 7:00 Diaconate	<b>13</b> 6:30 Trail Life (All)	<b>14</b> 9:00 Classical Conversations 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>15</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
<b>19</b> 7:00 Session	<b>20</b> 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>26</b> 12:00 Soup Lunch for Youth No youth group tonight	<b>27</b> 6:30 Trail Life (All)	<b>28</b> 9:00 Classical Conversations	<b>29</b> 5:45 Supper 6:30 Budget Presentation 7:30 Choir

<b>2</b>	<b>3 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT</b> 7:00 Youth Breakfast	<b>4 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 Youth Breakfast	<b>11</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Youth Breakfast	<b>18</b>
<b>23 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>24 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00 Youth Breakfast	<b>2</b>

ANNIVERSARIES

6- Sam & Sheryl Huey

BIRTHDAYS

- 5- Pi Eddins
- 12- Natalie Carmichael
- 12- Grace Kelso
- 13- Clara Nell Robinson
- 22- Chic Whitlock
- 24- Lauren Tindal
- 26- John Willis

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**(exceptions will be noted on the calendar)**

- 9:15 Officer Meeting
- 9:30 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 5:30 Youth
- 5:30 Parenting Class