

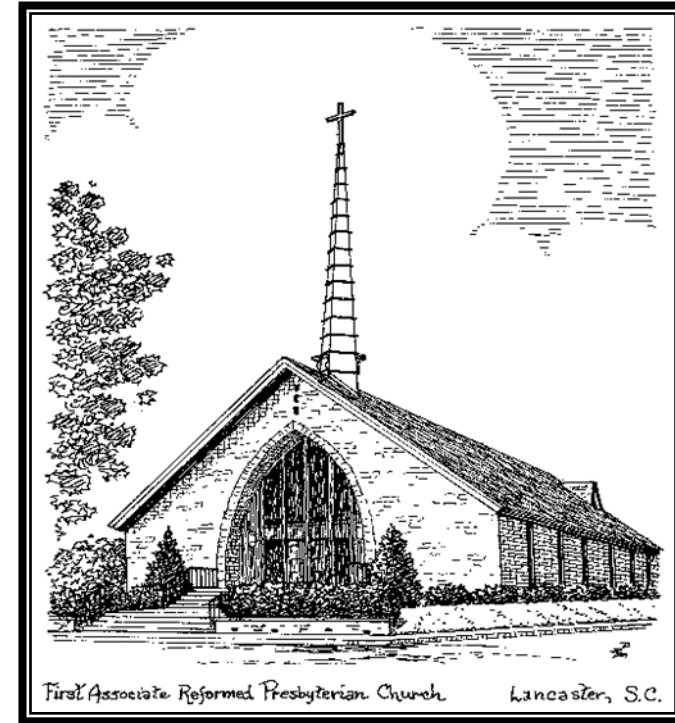
Volunteers

	October 8	October 15
Nursery	Kelly Sims	Natalie Carmichael
Toddlers	Stacey Pegram	Erin Tindal
Greeters (F)	Joe & Debby Hegler	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever
(S)	Mike & Susan Cauthen	Tom & Betty Arant
	October	November
Elders	Frank Brackett	Butch Ghent
	Buddy Lever	David Pokopac
Captain	Keith Jaillette	Debbie Dickson
Co Captain	David Mohr	Debby Hegler
Ushers	Benny Brazell	Richard Gardner
	Sal Estrada	Steve Willis

Staff and Officers

STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
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		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 106:1-3

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all His praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

***Hymn**

Song Supplement #2

“Revelation Song ”

Jennie Lee Riddle

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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

October 1, 2017	
Attendance	90
General Fund	\$2,251
Total GF contributions This Month	\$2,251
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$25

General Fund	September	YTD
Contributions	\$18,877	\$213,055
Expenditures	\$18,143	\$213,128
Difference	\$734	(\$73)
Missions Support		
Contributions	\$368	\$4,499
Expenditures	\$1,316	\$14,397
Congregational Care Fund		
Contributions	\$30	\$2,690
Expenditures	\$41	\$411
Memorial Fund		
Contributions	\$0	\$575
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Month end balance	\$2,500	

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.

Pastor's Corner

October 8, 2017

What does Jesus want you to do? This is an important and awesome question we must consider. We know we are saved by grace. We know we can do nothing to save ourselves and that Jesus has done it all, but what do we do now? What should be the goal of the church? What are some things we are to not do?

There are many who are confused about what we are called to be and do as Christians in the world today. Some think we are to pursue a political agenda. There are times that the church should speak out especially on issues, but it should not be the main function of the church to support a political agenda, party, or candidate. Jesus explains in John 18:36 that His Kingdom is not of this world.

There are many who think we are called primarily to Social Justice. I think this is an area where we as conservative churches have struggled. We should care about justice in this world. Our God is a just God. However, It is not our main focus to address the injustices of the world. We are to love our neighbor and address what we see in the overarching view of the work of the church. Mark 6 shows Jesus' love for people. He knew their hunger and met it fully with the miracles of the loaves and fishes.

There are some who think we are to just sit and wait for Jesus to return., yet in Luke 9:23 we are called by Christ to take up our cross. Theologians have called the church in heaven the church triumphant and the church on earth the church militant. The church is not sitting. It is fighting against sin, the world, and the devil. It is using not the weapons of the world, but rather fighting a spiritual battle with prayer, scripture, and trusting in the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

You are called to turn your whole life towards Jesus Christ. You are called to be like Him. You are called to worship Him. You are called to love Him, and if you love Him, Jesus calls you to follow His law (John 14:15). Jesus also calls you to do all this within the context of the local church and not by yourselves. (Hebrews 10:25).

What does Jesus want you to do? He wants you to trust Him and His power. He wants you to trust and obey Him because you love Him. He wants you to reach out to others with the message that has changed your life. What are you going to do?

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

*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

Red Trinity Hymnal #115
"All Creatures Of Our God and King"

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chancel Choir
"Holy Spirit, Come"

The Apostles Creed

**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 #82B

“God Is In His congregation”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“I Will Sing Unto the Lord”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 981

James 5:13-18

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims

“The Power Of Thoughts and Prayers”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #628

“Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

PASTOR APPRECIATION October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Baskets will be available today at the front and side entrances to the sanctuary for your cards and notes to Pastor Kyle.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Join us for our Wednesday night program. Dinner is from 5:55- 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.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT The Fellowship Committee has created a way for our adult members and regular visitors to make new friends and interact outside the church. Groups of eight adults will meet once a month for dinner and fellowship for four months. You may sign up as couples, singles, or singles with friend. Once names have been collected, groups will be assigned and you will receive contact information for the members of your group as well as suggestions for each months meals. Each group will decide the day and time of their meal. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for those who are interested in this fellowship opportunity. Please also mark the box if you are interested in hosting the first meeting.

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

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

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.

IT'S A BOY Congratulations to Janet and Matt Hall on the birth of their son John David Hall October 3, 2017.

PARENTING CLASS First ARP Church and Christian Services will host Christian Active Parenting, a 10 week curriculum based study designed to help parents use biblical principles to guide their children. This 1 hour class starts Sundays at 5:30PM. The cost is free. Child-care is available on request for all ages. Contact the church office to register yourself and your child. There is still room if you would like to join this class.

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.

2017 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY EVENTS

October 14, 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 21, 2017 Catawba Women's Ministries Annual Conference- Clover ARP Church, Clover, SC, 9:00 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

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Sermon Notes

Text: James 5:13-18

Title: "The Power Of Thoughts and Prayer"

Prayer Emphasis

The World

Syria and Refugees

North Korea

Turkey and Andrew Brunson

Our Country

Areas devastated by natural disasters

(Montana, Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico)

Pray for divisions to be healed

Pray for our leaders

Lancaster

End of violence

Outreach to the Lost in Lancaster

Witness to Lancaster

Our Church

New Intern Ethan McConnell

Youth

Children

Ministry of the Word and Sacraments

Pray for the needs of the church

Sick

Depressed

Financially needed

Need of Opportunities

Spiritual needs among the congregation

Marriages

Sister Churches

Good Shepherd Presbyterian- League City, TX- Rev. Jan Sattem

Grace Presbyterian-Columbia, SC- Rev. Brandon Barrett

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Gene Hunter
 George Mason
 Harold Allen
 I. W. Caskey
 John Willis- Lymphoma
 Katey Powell
 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

Pregnancy

Shay & William Belk

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

Janet & Matt Hall- Birth of John David
 Shannon & Jeff Schrage- Birth of Reece Myron

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>



2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT	2 1:30 JRP Circle 4:00 JL Circle	3	4 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
8 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class 6:30 AE Circle 7:00 Diaconate	9 6:30 Trail Life	10 10:00 Presbytery	11 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
15 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class 7:00 Session	16 6:30 Trail Life	17 11:30 Lunch Bunch	18 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
22 MISSIONS FUND 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class	23 6:30 Trail Life	24 7:00 Elder's Assoc.	25 5:55 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir
29 CONGREGA- TIONAL CARE 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Youth 5:30 Parenting Class	30	31 6:00 Fall Festival	

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 7:00 Youth Breakfast	7
12	13 7:00 Youth Breakfast	14 9:00 Children's Re- treat
19	20 7:00 Youth Breakfast	21
26	27 7:00 Youth Breakfast	28

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- Stephen & Christine Willis
- 8- David & Stacy Pokopac
- 12- Butch & Dell Ghent

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Stacy Pokopac
- 2- George Mason
- 2- Kelly Sims
- 9- Susan Cauthen
- 9- Chuck Coale
- 10- Mavis Caskey
- 12- Ben Rivers
- 12- Matthew Rivers
- 13- Mary Brown Parks
- 17- Mark Hefner
- 17- Sally Lloyd
- 20- Lisa Willis
- 22- Don Rushing
- 28- Ira Caskey 111