

Volunteers

	November 12	November 19
Nursery	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
Toddlers	Holly Rivers	Kelly Sims
Greeters (F)	Richard & Lorri Crawford	Phillip & Stacey Pegram
(S)	Richard & Patricia Gardner	Joe & Debby Hegler
	November	December
Elders	Butch Ghent	Richard Crawford
	David Pokopac	Ed Ogburn
Captain	Debbie Dickson	Sam Prete
Co Captain	Debby Hegler	Lathan Rivers
Ushers	Richard Gardner	Mike Scruggs
	Steve Willis	Conner Tindal

Staff and Officers

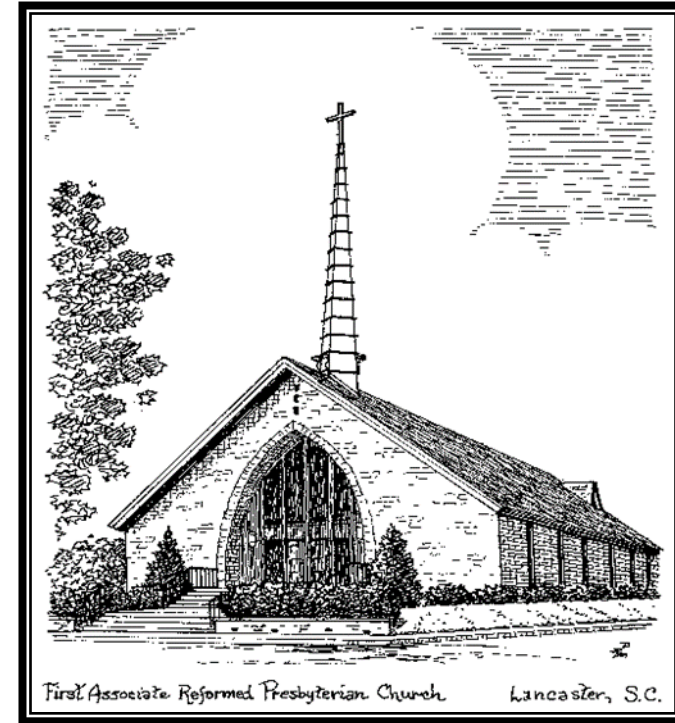
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #580

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

***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

November 5, 2017	
Attendance	79
General Fund	\$4,529
Total GF contributions This Month	\$4,529
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$120
Congregational Care Fund	\$40

COMMUNION We will serve communion next Sunday. We will also take up our Presbytery Thanksgiving offering that supports the work and ministry of the ARP Church.

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

Pastor's Corner

November 12, 2017

It was with great sadness that we saw another church shooting in Texas. There is an assumption that you are safe in the church, but this is a dangerous assumption. The leadership at First ARP church has implemented several things to aid in our security and safety here at the church. We formed a Safety Team a few years ago, and it been proactive in keeping our church safe. This team has attended various training seminars to help us with our security. We have also brought in former Law Enforcement officers to help us examine our security needs as well as to give us training.

While we can never be 100% safe, we are taking all the reasonable steps we can to make sure that we are as safe as possible. One of the most noticeable and effective measures has been the installation of the camera system that allows us to monitor movement in the church. We have new front doors that can be clocked during the morning service, allowing us to control who enters the building. We have developed a medical team and have purchased an auto-defibrillator and an EMS medical kit. We have procedures to help us deal with medical emergencies in the congregation. We have drawn up new procedures for our Nursery and Youth programs.

This fall with the youth group we have emphasized that there is to be no bullying. We are looking at expanding our background checks through the ARP Center in Greenville. These can now be done for a few dollars. Security comes with a price. There will be some inconveniences, costs, and procedures that will need to be followed. We will need for many to have a background check, even though you have been here all your life. We are going to need more volunteers to make sure we have two-deep leadership with our children and teenagers.

Pray that the day never comes when we have to deal with someone who wants to hurt those in our church. Pray that the Lord will protect us from predators, bullies, or other evil people who would want to hurt us. Please keep your eyes open, and if you see anything at all that is suspicious, let us know. There will be more information to come as we continue to move forward in keeping our congregation safe at First ARP Church.

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Praise Ye the Lord”

***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.

The Apostles Creed

Chancel Choir

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm** Blue ARP Psalter #90B
"O Teach Us How To Count Our Days"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem Chancel Choir
"Eye Hath Not Seen"

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Pew Bible Page 982
Philippians 4:8-9

Sermon Dr. Kyle Sims
"How To Think and What To Do"

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn** Blue ARP Psalter #172
"God a Sheltering Rock"

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

WOMENS MINISTRIES We are already gearing up for events in 2018 and need women to fill vacancies on our Women's Ministries board. This group of ladies meets only once every 3 months to plan and organize events. We have openings in Family & Spiritual Life, Youth & Christian Education, and Historian/Scrapbook. Contact Katey Powell for more information.

**UPCOMING
Events**

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- November 18- Sr. High Cookout
- November 26- Youth Soup Lunch Fundraiser
- November 29- Budget Presentation
- December 2- Middle School Christmas Baking & Candy Making
- December 3- Congregational Meeting
- December 10- Church Christmas Party
- December 17- Lessons and Carols
- December 24- Christmas Eve Services

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.

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.

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.

We usually take a break from our Wednesday night program starting with the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but this year we will have a special program November 29. During class time, youth and adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation of the 2018 budget. This will allow time for questions and clarifications before the Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 3.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS The Coale's will host a cookout for Senior High youth Saturday, November 18 from 6-9PM. They will also host a "Christmas Baking & Candy Making" event for Middle School youth Saturday, December 2 from 1-4PM. Contact Sonja Coale for questions and details.

LUNCH BUNCH On Tuesday, November 14 at 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch will meet at Seagulls Grill. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to join us.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP If any children, youth, or adults are interested in joining

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

Deuteronomy 5:33

You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 4:8-9

Title: “How To Think and What To Do”

Prayer Emphasis

Pray for the community of Sutherland Springs, Texas and the congregation of First Baptist Church.

Pray for our veterans of the armed forces.

Pray for Andrew Brunson - Pray for his release, comfort, and protection.

Pray for our missionaries in Spain. Pray for those in the Oviedo, Toledo, and Madrid planting churches. Pray for them to make contacts and share the Gospel.

Pray for peace with North Korea.

Pray for our churches and Christians in the US. Pray for our safety. Give thanks that prayers are working, God is answering, and that these shootings are still very rare.

Pray for our Students and teachers. End of the semester projects, test, and papers are due as they head toward the busy holiday time.

Pray for the young men and women who have been coming to our church through our youth and basketball ministries. Pray for these to be saved.

Pray for our children’s ministry. Pray that we will have a solid teaching ministry. Pray for the Lord to send us more children.

Pray for your elders, deacons, teachers, and other church leaders.

Pray for the teaching and preaching of the Word in our church. Pray that we would be faithful teaching and that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts to apply the Word to our lives.

Pray for our older members and for our shut-ins.

Our sister churches and their leadership:

Living Waters Church- Lake Wylie, SC

Mayesville Presbyterian- Mayesville, SC- Rev. Brian Peake

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
 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
 Joan Pardue- Benny Brazell's Sister
 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

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.

<u>Scripture Text and Title</u>	<u>My Favorite Hymn</u>
<u>Sermon Points</u> 1. 2. 3.	<u>What I Learned Today?</u>
<u>Things To Pray For</u>	<u>How Will I Obey God's Word?</u>

November

2017

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
29	30	31 6:00 Fall Festival	1 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	2
5 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 4:00 JL Circle 6:30 AE Circle No youth group tonight	6 1:30 JRP Circle	7 9:00 Classical Conversations	8 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	9
12 7:00 Diaconate	13 6:30 Trail Life (All)	14 9:00 Classical Conversations 11:30 Lunch Bunch	15 5:45 Supper 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	16
19 7:00 Session	20 6:30 Trail Life (Navigators)	21	22	23 
26 12:00 Youth Soup Lunch Fundraiser No youth group tonight	27 6:30 Trail Life (All)	28 9:00 Classical Conversations	29 5:45 Supper 6:30 Budget Presentation 7:30 Choir	30

Fri	Sat
3 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 7:00 Youth Breakfast	4 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
10 7:00 Youth Breakfast	11
17 7:00 Youth Breakfast	18 6:00 Sr. High Cookout
24 	25
1 7:00 Youth Breakfast	2 1:00 MS Christmas Baking & Candy Making