

Volunteers

	November 26	December 3
Nursery	Erin Tindal	Susan Prete
Toddlers	Natalie Carmichael	Dell Ghent
Greeters (F)	Steve Willi/ Ed Ogburn	Tom Morgan/ Buddy Lever
(S)	Mike & Susan Cauthen	Richard Shields/ Marilyn Duve
	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

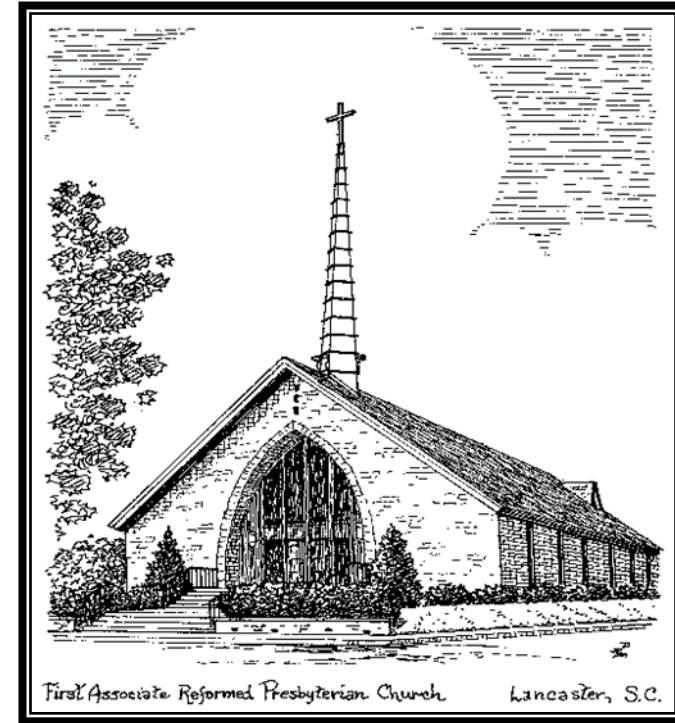
STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
		Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy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

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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2017

Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #713

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

***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.

Financials

November 19, 2017	
Attendance	102
General Fund	\$3,675
Total GF contributions This Month	\$10,451
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$95
Congregational Care Fund	\$60
Thanksgiving	\$323

THANKSGIVING OFFERING If you have not contributed to the ARP Thanksgiving offering, envelopes are available on the table at the side entrance. This will be the last week to make contributions.

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

**congregation stands*

Pastor's Corner

November 26, 2017

I want to challenge you to think about 2018. How do you want to grow spiritually? Where do you need to strengthen weaknesses? Are there gifts you want to explore using? Have you considered how God has blessed you and how you are blessing others? Over the next month, as an individual and as a family, set aside time to consider the past year and the upcoming year. If you aim at nothing you will hit it! As you pray, evaluate, and plan, there are a few things I want you to consider:

1. Your connection to the church. We all have different levels of connections. Each of us has individual and family circumstances that dictate how involved we can be in the activities of the church. However, this does not mean that we cannot still be connected even if we are not at every church event. Ask yourself, "How can I be better connected in 2018?" Maybe it is starting to attend Sunday school or Wednesday night. Maybe it is going out of your way to make a new friend in the church. Maybe you have an idea for ministry. Evaluate your connection and seek the Lord's guidance on how to be better connected to your church family.

2. Your giving to the church. It costs a lot of money to fund our ministry as we have it now. To expand our ministry will cost more money. We are called to give as we can, sacrificially, not just from what we have left. I find often that there is a correlation between connection and giving. If you are involved in the life of the congregation and are seeing God's work among us you are more likely to give your money, time, and energy to the ministry of the church. The Lord has blessed us financially and we are able to do a little more than we normally could from just the Sunday offering, but our giving needs to increase if we are to continue the ministry we have now and grow our ministry in the future. This Wednesday night we will have an informational meeting about the budget. I hope everyone will be there to see the cost of our ministry.

3. Your personal growth in Jesus Christ. Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying? Are you fellowshiping with your church family? Are you having family worship in your home? We are called to be growing in Christ. Are you?

4. Your connection to your Minister and Elders. We want to do a better job leading you as one under our care. In 2018 I am hoping to reach out to some of you I do not know well so that we might grow closer in Christ and be more useful in His Kingdom.

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

"Thanks Be To God"

*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

***Psalm**

“With Gladness In the Lord”

Blue ARP Psalter #33A

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

“O Give Thanks”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:14-23

Pew Bible Page 982

Sermon

“God Provides”

Dr. Kyle Sims

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn**

“Though Troubles Assail Us”

Red Trinity Hymnal #95

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

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

9AM Continental Breakfast

10AM Children’s Service

11AM Morning Worship

4PM Candlelight Service

10PM Candlelight Service

SHOE BOX COLLECTION We will collect shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child program until Sunday, December 10. 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 is available on the bulletin board. Space is limited to 20 people and you must be 13 or older to participate. Contact Kelly Sims or Lorri Crawford with questions.

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

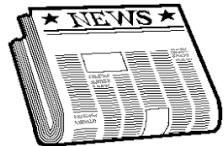
HOPE IN LANCASTER HOPE is currently seeking donations of healthy, non-perishable foods such as the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Potatoes, Grits, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Juice, & Jiffy Mix. HOPE also has a Fresh and Healthy food initiative to provide healthier food options for 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.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT We usually take a break from our Wednesday night program starting with the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but this year we will have a presentation of the 2018 budget November 29. This will allow time for questions and clarifications before the Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 3. During class time, youth and adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall while children attend class and music as usual. Dinner will be served at 5:45PM. 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.



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

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.

VOLUNTEERS If you have volunteered to usher, greet, or work in the nursery, please remember to check the schedule on the back of the bulletin. If you have a conflict, contact your committee chairman. 2018 schedules will be available in December.

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 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sermon Notes

Text: Philippians 4:14-23

Title: "God Provides"

Prayer Emphasis

Andrew Brunson

Pray that he will be released. Pray for his family and friends over the holiday season.

Pray for protection and peace for Andrew.

Missionaries around the World

Pray that as they are away from home at Thanksgiving and Christmas they would know the love of Christ and His church. Also pray for Phil Baer and the upcoming Mexican Pastor's and Leaders Workshop

Military personnel

Pray for those who are away from home and family serving our country

Our Youth ministry

Pray for those youth we have had come through our doors the last few years. Pray that some of those will return back to us. Pray for their salvation. Pray for our youth who are off at college and those considering where to go for college. Pray for our youth to grow in their walk with Christ

Christmas events and programs

Pray that this will be a time of worship and joy.

Our programs in 2018

Pray that our ministry can expand and reach the lost.

Pray that God will do great things in our sight as we move toward a new year.

Pray for the Elderly Members of our congregation.

Our sister churches and their leadership:

Oak Ridge ARP- Heath Springs, SC

Rock Hill First ARP- Rock Hill, SC- Dr. Barry Dagenhart

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
 Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson- Sister's Passing
 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
 Phil Baer- Mexican Leaders Workshop
 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

Military

Alex Coale- Japan
 Dillon Coale- ROTC

Missionaries

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

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.

<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>

December

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3 12:00 Congregational Meeting 5:30 Last Parenting Class	4	5	6	7
10 6:00 Church Christmas Party NO YOUTH 7:00 Diaconate	11	12	13	14
17 6:00 Lessons & Carols NO YOUTH 7:00 Session	18	19	20	21
24 COMMUNION/ MISSIONS FUND (See side panel for today's schedule)	25 	26	27	28
31 CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND	1 	2	3	4

Fri	Sat
1 7:00 Youth Breakfast	2 1:00 MS Christmas Baking & Candy Making
8	9
15	16
22 	23
29	30
5	6

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6- Ed & Nancy Ogburn
- 9- Harold & Betty Allen
- 13- Kevin & Becky Andersen
- 19- Matt & Janet Hall

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Betty Allen
- 12- Emily Tindal
- 16- Rebekah Carson
- 17- Holly Rivers
- 20- Bobby Grier
- 21- Tom Morgan
- 23- Sal Estrada
- 26- Lathan Rivers
- 28- Spencer Sims
- 30- Geri Brazell
- 30- Spencer Estrada

NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

- 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Children's Service
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 4:00 Candlelight Service
- 10:00 Candlelight Service