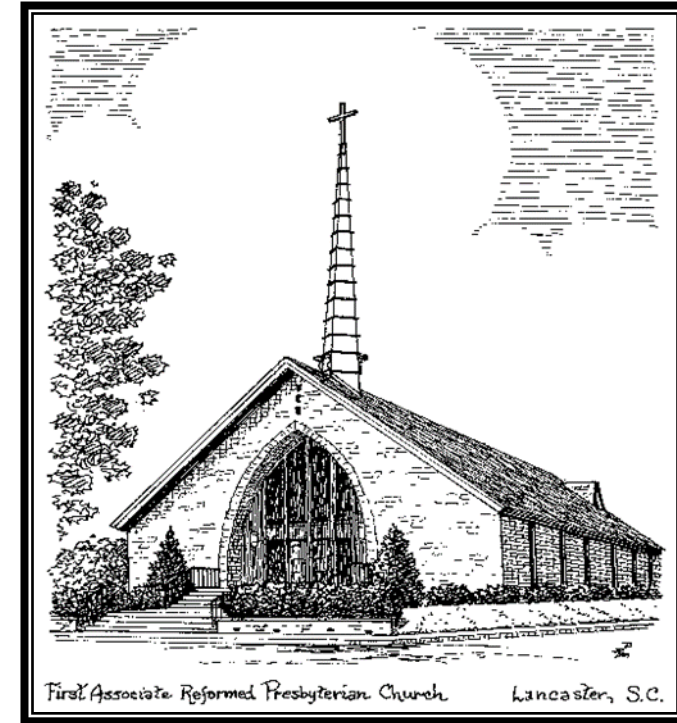


Volunteers

	December 17	December 24
Nursery	Susan Cauthen	Kelly Sims
Toddlers	Shannon Mohr	Stacey Pegram
Greeters (F)	Wayne & Debbie Dickson	Phil & Sarah Baer
(S)	Mike & Pat Scruggs	Richard & Lorri Crawford
	December	January
Elders	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	Frank Brackett Buddy Lever
Captain	Sam Prete	Debbie Dickson
Co Captain	Lathan Rivers	Mary Strickland
Ushers	Mike Scruggs Conner Tindal	Frank Brackett Benny Brazell

Staff and Officers

STAFF		ELDERS	DEACONS
Pastor- Dr. Kyle E. Sims	2017	Butch Ghent	Sam Prete
Pastoral Intern- Mr. Ethan McConnell		David Pokopac	Lathan Rivers
Choir Director- Dr. Kristen Wunderlich	2018	Ed Ogburn	Debbie Dickson
Organist- Mrs. Amy Jones		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
Secretary- Mrs. Stacy Pokopac	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr
	2020	Richard Gardner	Daniel Bohler
		Sam Prete	Richard Shields



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Worship

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Mrs. Amy Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kyle Sims

ENTERING WORSHIP

***Call to Worship**

Mr. Ethan McConnell

Psalm 135:1-3

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,

give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***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

December 10, 2017	
Attendance	86
General Fund	\$2,699
Total GF contributions This Month	\$7,883
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$125
Memorial Fund	\$120

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

April 20- Women’s Ministries Meet and Greet- First ARP- Lancaster

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

December 17, 2017

We have been blessed at First ARP Church in many ways over the last few years. There have been new members who have come and added to the life of our church. We have seen a unique opportunity with youth in our community. We have been able to make repairs and upgrades to our building and grounds by the blessing of bequests given to the church and the giving of the local membership. From January 2016 through September 2017, we had some of the highest giving months. We ended last year with a modest surplus. However, the last quarter of this year has seen a drop in giving. There can be many reasons for this drop off. We are still in good financial shape but I wanted to address what we have seen over the last two months.

Treasurer Sam Huey did an excellent job explaining our budget at the end of November. I think it is always surprising to folks how much it takes in today's world to operate a ministry like ours at First ARP Church. We have an excellent staff. We are extremely blessed to have an organist. These are hard to find. To have someone of Kristen's caliber leading our choir is unique. We are blessed with a great secretary and wonderful young men as interns. These people help us with our ministry in so many ways.

I would encourage all of us to look back over our giving. If you have missed a week or month, consider trying to make that up in December. We are called to share the burden of ministry. If you are not tithing, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider why not. Is there an issue with us that you need to address? Is it a heart matter with you? Is it a trust matter with the Lord? It is hard to give money to the Lord. It is a matter of faith.

Again, we are doing fine financially for this year, even if we are a little in the red. However, I want you to consider your giving to the Lord and being faithful and consistent in it. It is part of your commitment to God and as a member of this church. We want you to be a part of the blessing and work that God is doing here through us and among us.

Dr. Kyle E. Sims
Pastor

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

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

"Shepherds Arise"

Children's 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.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

**universal

MEANS OF GRACE

***Psalm** Red Trinity Hymnal #195

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Ding Dong, Merrily On High”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Pew Bible Page 1016

1 Peter 4:7-11

Sermon

Dr. Kyle Sims

“God’s Gifts: Given For a Purpose”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

***Hymn** Red Trinity Hymnal #214

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

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

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



- December 17 6PM Lessons and Carols
- December 24 9AM Continental Breakfast
- 10AM Children’s Service
- 11AM Morning Worship
- 4PM Candlelight Service
- 10PM Candlelight Service
- January 20 11AM Joint Women’s Circle Soup Lunch
- April 21 9AM CWMARP Meet and Greet

ADDRESS UPDATES

Ensign Dillon Coale and Kaitlyn Coale
5631 Silver Star Court
Milton, FL 32583

SGT. COALE, ALEX P.
PSC 561 BOX 8137
FPO, AP 96310-0082

Are you praying for your Ten List?

Announcements



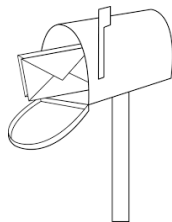
VISITORS Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your convenience.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The church secretary will be on vacation December 26-29. If you are willing to help cover the phones on these mornings, please signup on the bulletin board. The church office will be closed December 22 and 25, and January 1.



TRAIL LIFE DONATIONS Our Trail Life scouts are collecting supplies to make fire starters. Please bring your old wax candles to the church office. Contact Buddy Lever with any questions.

WOMENS MINISTRIES All women of the church are invited to a joint Women's Circle meeting Saturday, January 20 from 11-1. We will begin a study of Genesis with the first chapter of Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality: The Gospel According to Abraham by Iain Duguid. This will be followed by a soup lunch. A signup sheet will be available in January. Contact Katey Powell with questions.



MAILBOXES During the Christmas season, we have a mailbox available for the congregation to leave cards or messages for each other. They are located in the hallway behind the choir loft. Leave or pick up messages from the slot that matches the first initial of the last name of the recipient. 2018 GREETER and WORSHIP SERVICE CHILDCARE schedules are in the mailboxes now.

LEAVING WORSHIP

***Congregational Response**

Red Trinity Hymnal #194

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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***The Greeting of the Congregation**

Taking the Gospel To the World

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Title: "God's Gifts: Given For a Purpose"

Prayer Emphasis

- **Federal Government** - Pray for our President who leads our nations, pray for the Congress that makes the laws of our land, pray for the Supreme Court that interprets our laws. Pray for President Trump that he will lead our nation well, especially with the crisis in North Korea. Pray for our Congress as they work for a budget. Pray for the Court as it deliberates important cases that affect our lives and rights as Christians.
- **Missionaries (Home and Foreign)** - Pray for those who are called to carry the Gospel to new areas. Pray that they will have opportunities to share the Gospel and that God will save those who hear the Gospel message.
- **1st ARP Youth Ministry** - Pray for Ethan as he is starting with us. Pray for our youth volunteers. Pray for our youth that they will grow strong in the faith. Pray for our youth outreach effort that God will save young folks and that they will come and join our church.
- **Christmas Eve Services** - Pray that we will have visitors at these services and that they might hear and believe the Gospel.
- **Those Grieving** - We have had several deaths in our church family. There are also those who are still grieving the loss of loved ones that passed some time ago.
- **Each Other** - One of the best parts of being in a church family is that we can pray for each other and be prayed for ourselves. Pray for each other regularly
- **Sister Churches**
 - Shem Creek Presbyterian Mission- Mt. Pleasant, SC- Rev. Ben Carver
 - Sherwood Forest ARP- Columbia, SC- Rev. Mark Hering

Prayer Requests

First ARP

Ann Pokopac
 Benny Brazell
 Carol Nims- Presbyterian Home- Florence
 Carlyle & Mott Henley
 Chic Whitlock
 Clara Nell Robinson
 Erin Tindal
 Family of Mavis Caskey
 George Mason
 Betty Allen- Harold's Passing
 I. W. Caskey- Mavis's Passing
 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- NAS Pensacola

Missionaries

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

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
 Jimmy Simpson- Mary Ella Jordan's Cousin
 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
 William Jordan- Mary Ella Jordan's Brother 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 6:00 JL Circle	5	6 6:00 AE Circle 6:45 Choir Practice	7
10 6:00 Church Christmas Party 7:00 Diaconate NO YOUTH	11	12 11:30 Lunch Bunch	13 6:45 Choir Practice	14
17 6:00 Lessons & Carols 7:00 Session NO YOUTH	18	19	20	21
24 COMMUNION/ MISSIONS FUND (See side panel for today's schedule)	25 	26	27	28
31 CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND NO YOUTH	1 	2	3	4

Fri	Sat
1 7:00 Youth Breakfast	2 1:00 MS Christmas Baking & Candy Making 4:00 Choir Practice
8	9
15	16
22 	23
29	30
5	6

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6- Ed & Nancy Ogburn
- 9- Harold & Betty Allen
- 13- Kevin & Becky Andersen
- 18- Wayne & Debbie Dickson
- 18- Sam & Susan Prete
- 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