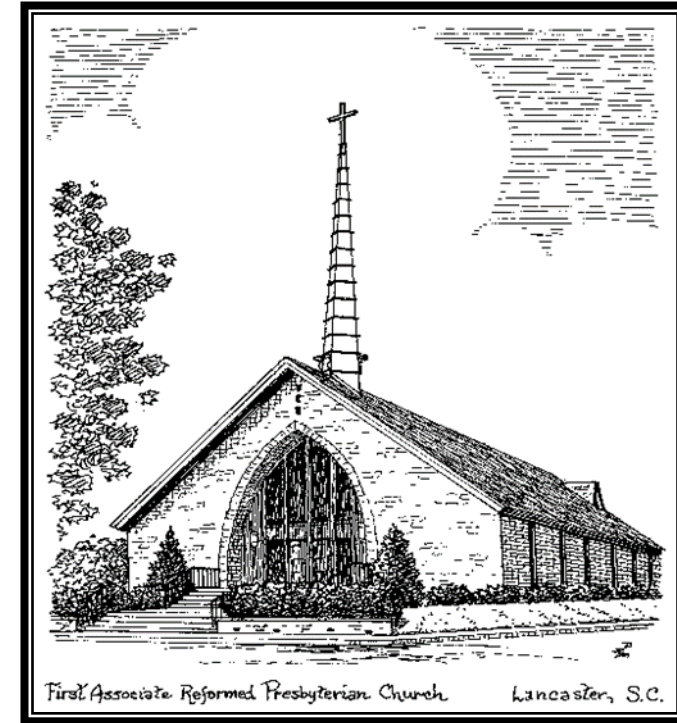


# Volunteers

	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Miranda Bohler	Susan Cauthen
<b>Toddlers</b>	Kimberly Hefner	Shannon Mohr
<b>Greeters (F)</b>	Tom & Betty Arant	Wayne & Debbie Dickson
<b>(S)</b>	Benny & Geri Brazell	Mike & Pat Scruggs
	<b>December</b>	
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Crawford Ed Ogburn	
<b>Captain</b>	Sam Prete	
<b>Co Captain</b>	Lathan Rivers	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Scruggs Conner Tindal	

# 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		Richard Crawford	Keith Jaillette
	2019	Frank Brackett	Debby Hegler
		Buddy Lever	Dave Mohr
	2020	Richard Gardner	Daniel Bohler
		Sam Prete	Richard Shields



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December 10, 2017

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Amy Jones

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Kyle Sims

## ENTERING WORSHIP

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

Psalm 134:1-3

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!

### **\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #199

*“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”*

### **\*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

**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.

## **HOPE IN LANCASTER**

HOPE is taking donations for their Christmas Basket program. See the flyer on the bulletin board for their needs list.

**Are you  
praying for  
your Ten  
List?**

<b>November 26, 2017</b>	
Attendance	82
General Fund	\$5,527
Total GF contributions This Month	\$15,978
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$235

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions	\$17,906	\$248,839
Expenditures	\$19,283	\$257,459
Difference	<b>-\$1,377</b>	<b>-\$8,620</b>
<b>Missions Support</b>		
Contributions	\$499	\$5,874
Expenditures	\$1,416	\$18,288
<b>Congregational Care Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$145	\$3,040
Expenditures	\$0	\$411
<b>Memorial Fund</b>		
Contributions	\$0	\$575
Expenditures	\$0	\$1,054
Month end balance	\$1,448	

<b>December 3, 2017</b>	
Attendance	92
General Fund	\$5,184
Total GF contributions This Month	\$5,184
Average Monthly Budget requirement	\$18,996
Missions Fund	\$151
Congregational Care Fund	\$45
Thanksgiving	\$50
Memorial Fund	\$350

This has been a difficult few weeks as we have said goodbye to two folks who have been active members of our church for decades. It reminds us that the church is always changing. During this same time frame we have two young men elected to be new officers. Another young man graduated from college and will start next week as our intern. Several children and youth are ready to join the church and we are going to schedule a baptism soon. We see the lifecycle of the Church before our eyes.

The one thing that does not change is the Lord. "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed". - Malachi 3:6. Even though we see changes before us, we are glad that the rock of our church is our Triune God who does not change. His promises are assured to His people.

The promise we see in Baptism is kept in the children who come to faith. The promises to the church are being kept by the Lord, providing new members and new leadership. We know the great promise is that when we die, we are saved through Jesus Christ. God has a steadfast love for us and keeps His Promises.

This Christmas season, as the focus of the world is on the advent of Christ coming to be our Savior, know that God's Promises are working out before us at First ARP Church - Lancaster.

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**

*"Prepare Ye the Way"*

#### **\*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.

Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #197

*“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*

MEANS OF GRACE

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*“Look In the Manger”*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Sermon**

Dr. Kyle Sims

*“God’s Gifts: Spiritual Gifts”*

**Prayer of Application**

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

**\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #203

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

**\*Benediction**



**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

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** Shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child are due **TODAY**. 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.

**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



# Announcements



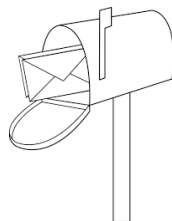
**VISITORS** Welcome to Lancaster First ARP. If you are a first time visitor, our ushers have a welcome packet for you. If you are a returning visitor, please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. Offering envelopes are also available for your 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, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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### **\*The Greeting of the Congregation**

#### **Taking the Gospel To the World**

Ephesians 4:15-16

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

# Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Title: “God’s Gifts: Spiritual Gifts”

# Prayer Emphasis

- The situation in North Korea. The leadership of North Korea is threatening war and making aggressive actions. Pray for peace in that region. Pray for safety for South Korea and the upcoming Winter Olympics there. Pray for our military personnel in the region including the Coale’s son Alex.
- The Situation in Israel. There has been much violence this week. Pray for it to end. Pray for the work of the Gospel in Israel that is need for both the Jews and the Muslims.
- Our overseas missionaries and military families. This is a hard time for them to be away from home and family.
- Our New Intern Ethan McConnell. He graduated from North Greenville University and will be moving this week.
- The Caskey and Allen families. Pray for them as they mourn the passing of Mavis and Harold.
- Pray for safety, peace, and grace over the Christmas season.
- Pray for your Ten List.
- Sister Churches

Scots Kirk Presbyterian- Summerville, SC- Rev. George Busch

Sharon ARP- Sharon, SC- Rev. John Martin, Jr.

# 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- 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.

<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>

# December

# 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<b>3</b> <b>12:00 Congregational Meeting</b> 5:30 Last Parenting Class	<b>4</b> 6:00 JL Circle	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 AE Circle <b>6:45 Choir Practice</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> <b>6:00 Church Christmas Party</b> 7:00 Diaconate NO YOUTH	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>13</b> <b>6:45 Choir Practice</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b> <b>6:00 Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 7:00 Session NO YOUTH	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>24 COMMUNION/ MISSIONS FUND</b> (See side panel for today's schedule)	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>31 CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND</b> NO YOUTH	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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